

I. Homeschooling success is not

A. Measure of Homeschool Success is not:

1. Raising Perfect children
2. Getting them through high school, or the year, or even just today
3. Getting them in to the best colleges
4. With the highest SAT or ACT scores
5. Getting them married
6. Or making them to think and look and act just like you!

B. "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

1. Vocationally (academically)
2. Relationally (socially)
3. Spiritually

God has a plan and a purpose unique for each child. We are to take the raw material that God gave us and mold it into a godly man or woman, but we don't get to choose what that raw material looks like!

"Train" – Like a vine

1. Prune
2. Direct
3. Discipline
4. Water
5. Nurture
6. Expose to good and right elements
7. Psalm 1 tree!

God gave you that child because He knew that you were the person uniquely placed with your gifts and talents and personality to raise that particular child!

1. Disabilities – physical, learning, mental.
2. Personalities – strong willed or compliant,
3. natural bents and abilities – athletic, academic, social, etc...,



Meet individual needs of each child.

1. Know your child
2. Explore life with them from their perspective
3. Understand your child
4. Guide your child – embrace their uniqueness

Know that your child has a **free will**. If they go away from their relationship with God or from you, then know that you have laid a firm foundation of God's word in their lives and that God loves them more than you and that He can call them back.

II. What Does Homeschool Success Look Like?

A. Obedience (yours)

1. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15
 - a. Gold, silver, precious gems – wisdom Proverbs 3:14-15
 - b. Hay, stubble, straw – self
 - c. Witnessing? Success or obedience
 - d. If child chooses differently – not your failure if you were obedient!
2. Excuses we Give
 - a. Not always what we want to spend our time or money on
 - b. Feelings of inadequacy
 - c. Lack of skills
 - d. Self wants own desires
 - e. Pressure from others – to put kids in school, etc...

B. Relationships

- a. With God – yours and theirs
- b. With spouse – I don't want a homeschooling mom, I want a wife!
- c. With parents – not time to be their friend – be a parent, friendship will come later
- d. With siblings – Garrett Nathan
- e. With those younger and older
- f. With other godly young people (Choose godly influences and families with like values)

C. House run on grace



- a. What grace is - example of child missing curfew because tire popped
- b. Not controlling their environment
- D. Academics
 - a. Not about grades or how to take a test – move them forward (There are accommodations available for SAT and ACT) – college entrance exams
 - b. Push them within reasonable expectations (not everyone is college bound)
 - c. Well-rounded (Dad in hiring)
 - d. Large body of knowledge – able to discuss and relate
 - e. Know how to research and teach themselves – Nathan with graphic art, music, business
- E. Life Skills
 - a. Spiritual Gifts (analysis)
 - b. To function on their own
 - c. Vocational skills
 - d. Masculine men and feminine women
 - e. Maturity – 30 year old men in 19-20 year old bodies!
- F. Spiritual growth
 - a. Relationship with God– not just knowledge
 - b. Servants' hearts (Luke 22:25-27)
 - c. Teenagers – making wise choices
 - d. Obedience – theirs
 - e. Remember that adult children are to honor their parents not obey their parents!

