

The VIEW from my WINDOW



By Mrs. Theresa Deckert, NDHSA office administrator and East Region Support Group Coordinator.

The North Dakota Century Code states in section 15.1-23-05, "A parent supervising home education shall maintain an annual record of courses taken by the child and the child's academic progress assessments, including any standardized achievement test results. If the child transfers to a public school district, the parent shall furnish the record, upon request, to the school district superintendent or other administrator."

North Dakota law requires homeschool parents to keep records and turn them over to the school, upon transfer, if requested. In the case of a high school student it would mean that you create and submit a transcript. It is the school's way of knowing what classes have been completed, credit received and grades for GPA purposes.

I have been getting more and more calls from and about homeschoolers who try to transfer a high student into public school and have not kept records and have not created a high school transcript. Folks, this does not shine well on the homeschooling community as a whole!

I would urge parents to keep thorough records and to generate a transcript beginning with the first year of high school. A transcript is necessary for college enrollment, scholarship application and sometimes even jobs. If you need help you can call our office or check out the following link on our website. <https://www.homeschool-life.com/1125/custom/54399>

I have created a section on our website to help walk you through some high school planning. You can find it at www.ndhsa.org Click on "Begin Homeschooling", "High School".

If your local support group would like a presentation on preparing a high school transcript, you can contact me or Lora Knight (NDHSA Support Group Coordinators) and we would be happy to meet with your group. If you have a parent in your group who has already graduated students from their homeschool that have gone on to college, ask them to share with your group.

Once your child graduates, put those transcripts in a safe or safety deposit box. According to HSLDA those are permanent records which should be kept forever. And do not forget to sign them!

Editor's Musings:

Greetings!

Thieves--boy, that's an irritating group. If they would work nearly as hard at honest gain they wouldn't have to work so hard at stealing. Then there's always the threat of jail time and such. Recalcitrants of this nature broke into our storage units and stole many items. As disheartening as this is, I admit, there are much worse kinds of thievery.

There are all sorts of circumstances and people that can steal your joy, peace, contentment. Embrace them as part of your crosswalk and learn the lessons the Chief Shepherd has for you. Should you always avoid all such thieves? No, because our dear Lord Jesus may be calling on you to be a witness (and this is more likely the truer way than simple avoidance, although I admit that avoidance can be one's only recourse.). And obviously He has lessons for you to learn, too. It might be hard.

Other thieves, of course, include the evil ones at work in the world and the flesh. It is likely the call of the flesh and its enticements and the world's philosophy will be enough to keep you at work daily on the discipline of holy living. It will be hard.

There are many ways the world latches on to you: love of creation (this includes my

dear poochie!) over love of Creator; acceptance of false teaching (you are NOT number one and it is a lie from the pit that you "must love yourself" before you can love others); negligence of study in the Word; laziness (this keeps you from doing MANY, MANY things that are worthwhile pursuits); attempting to live through deep waters alone (that's why we are part of the Body--so we can help one another, pray for one another, join in the fray with one another); embracing false victories as though valuable (what are you thinking about right now?); and the list goes on and on. If you are a practicing Christian, just now you have been reminded of your own Golgathas. BUT GOD...will keep you, He will protect you, He will renew your mind, He is all sufficient. The crosswalk is hard.

Don't let anything steal from you the joy of homeschooling your children. It is worth all you offer up as a sacrifice to live this lifestyle. It is hard but it will pay tremendous dividends for all eternity.

Those miscreants who broke into our storage units are deluded. Hardly anything good comes from "treasures on earth". And I pray whoever stole my wedding gown will come to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. I will try hard to really mean it!

Grace and peace,
Gail M. Biby



Old School Home School

By Ken Knight, NDHSA Board President



To begin, let me make this disclaimer – the NDHSA board of directors is diverse in ages, philosophies, and home school experience. Each board member is dedicated to sacrificially serving the needs of the entire North Dakota home school community. Our board members are uniquely gifted to provide loving, non-judgmental support, advice, and counsel. The following description represents my wife and me, not necessarily other members of the board.

When my youngest child was born I was two months shy of my fiftieth birthday. This year he started high school and I'm on the verge of qualifying for Medicare. Suffice it to say we are not typical home schoolers. My wife and I both were public school educated. We've been involved through the years with Christian schools as an administrator, principal, and teachers. Our view of education leans toward traditional studying paper books, doing quizzes, taking tests, working problems and diagramming sentences on a chalk (or dry erase) board. Stuff like that. We're comfortable with most of the curricula that we used years ago. As a matter of fact, I just ordered a student workbook that's been out of print for ten years, but fortunately grammar hasn't changed for the better in that time.

That's not to say we haven't updated our history or kept abreast with advancements in science. Have you noticed how many of the new science discoveries are supporting biblical creation? But the bottom line is this, we are the poster children for Old School Home School. I said all that to say this - as president of the board of directors of the NDHSA I have no desire whatsoever to force, coerce, or arm twist anyone into using our way. The NDHSA is here to support everyone's effort to educate their children at home. There are so many resources, curricula, methods, options, and technologies available to home school families now, that the typical family home school doesn't look anything like ours. That doesn't mean that these are better or worse, they're just different.

In my mind, virtual home school is one that really exists, a classical conversation is talking about Handel sonatas and Charlotte Mason is a North Carolina canning jar company. I don't tweedle nor do FacePlace. I have never done a snip-chat or instant-gram. I don't P-interest and I just barely know how to send text messages on my phone. I realize that this puts me out of touch with many homeschoolers and about 90% of the world's population. I know that right now a multitude of you are reading this and are saying, "We could come over to your house and teach you how to do all of these things in no time," but I'm happy driving my Flintstone car. So, as a board director – I realize that some things have to change and we are committed to making whatever changes are necessary. That may mean asking for help from a new generation of homeschoolers, operating the NDHSA in some different ways, introducing some new faces and welcoming inputs from all of you. What won't change is the NDHSA's stand for biblical truth, Christian values and commitment to providing support for all home school families – even Old School Home Schoolers.

BULLETIN BOARD

Homeschool Day at the Capitol
March 25, 2019 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Dads: Strong recommendation-get Chuck Black's **Call to Arms** to realize the "guts and glory of courageous fatherhood" from Perfect Praise Publishing, Williston, ND

NDHSA Convention
Feb. 28--March 2, 2019
Jamestown Civic Center
Keynote: Dr. Brian Ray

Statements of intent at:
www.ndhsa.org

For information on getting involved in the legislative action coming up in 2019, check out our website: www.ndhsa.org

Send clipped labels for **BOX TOPS for Education:**
Laurie Morstad
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Hampden, ND 58338
 Check expiration dates.



For legal assistance
JOIN Home School
Legal Defense
Association.
www.hslda.org

Looking for a local support group for this coming school term? Check out: www.ndhsa.org and click on support groups.

Looking for USED homeschool materials?
www.thebackpack.com
www.homeschoolclassifieds.com
www.usedhomeschoolcurriculum.com

“Crushes” - Good or Bad?

By Pas. Jeff Hoverson, homeschool dad
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After much discussion with a few colleagues and friends across the country, I decided to write an article. Enjoy and give me feedback as I consider submitting this eventually. To answer this question, Biblically, we need to:

- A. Define “crush”
- B. Define how God designed us
- C. Define carnal vs. spirit-filled Christianity

A. What is a crush?

For the purpose of this article, I define “crush” as a “strong liking toward someone of the opposite gender that reaches beyond how we might feel about our own siblings”. 1 Timothy 5:9 guides us in this way: “Treat young women, with purity, as sisters.”

A “crush is not directly a sin, it is natural. Unfortunately, our natural state is sinful. Compare it to “hunger”. Both are natural, but both need to be under control. Like “hunger”, a “crush” can be controlled by our sinful, carnal flesh OR by the Spirit of God in us. It is a fast track to brewing sin.

As an example, I can eat ice cream for breakfast, be consumed all day long about what food and where I am going to eat. Is that the spirit or my carnal flesh? It may be natural, yes, but do I have self-control? The apostle Paul tells us our flesh is to be crucified. We are to die daily. Galatians 5:24. In 1 Corinthians 15:31, the verb for “dying daily” is a present tense.

Jesus says in Matthew 16:24 that we are to deny ourselves. It is important to see the distinction of what is our natural desire and what is of the spirit. Do we live according to the flesh (carnal Christianity?) OR do we live according to the spirit (spiritual Christianity) as it says in Galatians 6:8, “...for he that sows to the flesh shall reap of the flesh in corruption, but he that sows to the Spirit shall reap life everlasting.” This reveals that the end result of denying our flesh is greater freedom, not less.

B. What is the benefit of teaching our kids to control their crushes?

1. You teach them to make room for developing their relationship with Jesus as a priority. You can tell if Jesus is a priority relationship simply by listening to what they talk about most. Also, by the music choices they make the most. Do they tend toward songs about Jesus and His love or the potential love of another person?

a. In doing so, you give them the gift of a more vibrant faith. A “crush” that is not in control dulls and dims our faith.

b. In doing so, the most dominant feature that attracts others (or repels them) will be their faith in Jesus. This ought to motivate any parent. If the main attraction from a young guy to a gal, or vice versa, is not their faith in Jesus, it will be left to other domains: social (fun), emotional (deep conversation), or physical (looks, image, etc.).

2. You help them to avoid what Song of Solomon gives a warning about: “...do not awaken love before it’s time.”

a. Scripture does not condemn having a crush, it simply points to our design. We are made to wait. Waiting involves more than simply avoiding

physical contact. We should also wait spiritually and emotionally and socially. (1 Timothy 5:9)

b. This is big part of the cure for infidelity within marriage. If we train our young people to control their natural flesh in this area, we give them a great gift when and if they marry. They will be better able to avoid “constantly thinking of another person”; either a friend from the past, or a current person of the opposite gender. This is infidelity as well.

i. Jesus said that if you even look at a woman with lust, you have committed adultery in your own heart.

ii. Many men and women struggle with this today in marriages. For the guy it is often lust, for the woman it is often uncontrolled crush. Either way, it could have been much better and happier, had their parents trained them as children and teens to control their crushes.

1. Training in this is similar to training ourselves to wake up in the morning at a certain time. If we are not used to it, the beginning stages can be difficult. However, when diligent, we find ourselves free in God’s grace.

2. I have done pre-marital counseling for over 100 couples. There is a high number of people that still want to “hang on” to an old, close friend of the opposite gender. This has been a part of many heartaches and breakups. What looks nice and innocent on the surface is often a brewing sin on the inside.

3. You give them

a. What one learns through self-control in the area of “crushes” are the same principles that can help us conquer other areas of our lives. There is not a greater bond than the emotional bond leading to a life-long married love. Controlling this is great benefit.

b. You can provide an excellent, godly path, for your teens by:

i. Starting way back at the “crush” stage (around upper elementary) = self control

ii. Teach them that there is a time for “romantic love” to be awakened; they can look forward to that time.

iii. Meanwhile, they can observe persons of opposite gender from an emotional distance. BEFORE they need to make a life-long decision This gives them objectivity in making a choice, not based on fun or a physical look, but based on a vibrant, observable, faith-relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

1. Then the emotional bonding can happen; AFTER a good decision has been made with parents (father’s) blessing and input from trusted siblings and friends about marriage.

2. Then, with a recommended first kiss at the wedding altar, the physical union may be enjoyed without worry, without guilt; growing by the spirit as long as they both shall live. Reaping the full benefit of their effort.

3. Finally, because you have invested your time and energy into this, you give them tools to pass down for a godly legacy of multi-generational faithfulness to God and to the many marriages to come! All this, in a world, that is not doing very well in the area of purity, relationships and marriage.

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Advantages of Homeschooling

From *The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling* by Debra Bell

1. Transferring our family values; for the Christian family focusing on spiritual development carries more weight than academic achievements.”Homeschooling maximizes parental influence...” Allows for positive peer pressure and less peer dependence.
2. It is “our responsibility as parents to shape our children’s character.” “Homeschooling gives us the potential to stay on top of the condition of our children’s hearts daily.”
3. Allows the development of a tailor-made education in a time sequence geared to the child’s learning style. “Homeschooling gives you the opportunity to start your studies in every subject at the level of your child’s success without labeling him ‘delayed’ or ‘accelerated,’...”
4. Promotes true academic excellence. “Homeschooling streamlines the educational process. High standards of academic excellence, accelerated learning, and a return to core studies in math, science, history, and literature are quickly and easily facilitated.”
5. Homeschooling allows for the truest of nurturing environments.
6. Flexibility and choice allows the “...freedom to pursue their own interests, to control their time, to say up late reading, to not be bogged down with homework after supper, to choose and change the direction of their education.”

www.ndhsa.org

Debra Bell’s book is loaded with information for seasoned and brand-new homeschoolers. *The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling* is widely available. Check www.abebooks.com and you may find a discounted copy. You will not be disappointed. From toddlers to college at home, she has covered it. Published by Apologia Press.

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- **Poetry Out Loud Program:** North Dakota Poetry Out Loud can easily be integrated into existing ELA curriculum. By incorporating memorization and performance, POL sets the stage for students to deepen their understanding of figurative language, word relationships and the nuances within word meanings. In addition, students learn about great poetry, explore their literary heritage, and gain confidence in public speaking skills. North Dakota Poetry Out Loud Contest Registration and POL resource materials are provided at no charge. [Registration Form](#). Due October 1, 2018 <http://www.ndpol.com/>
Rebecca Engelman, Arts in Education Director, 1600 E Century Ave. Ste. 6, Bismarck, ND 58503 701.328.7593

Mid-June-August

Income: \$2,711.18
Expenses: \$3,870.29

Need help! Maybe God would have you be that help. Ask Him.

The Crosslife from *Whispers of His Power* by Amy Carmichael

Luke 14:27: And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple.

The taking up of the cross always means the emptying of the life of everything that is merely selfish in motive, and high things may become that. If there shall come a moment when a man has to choose between the call of Christ to sacrificial life and service, and the appeal of high and beautiful earthly affection, there is only one thing to be done according to these terms of Jesus. That is to follow Him.

He calls for much; He calls for everything. He calls for the march that may have no return and can have no compromise. He demands this loyalty because His enterprise is a crusade. Its method is that of the cross, and there is no other way. Because He goes that way, His disciple also must go that way.



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NDHSA Statement of Faith

We believe in Almighty God, the Author of all creation, eternally existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; the Bible as the inspired, infallible, written Word of God, complete in 66 books and our sole basis of faith and practice; the fallen state of man, guilty by nature and by act and therefore condemned before God; the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, except without sin, the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins, His visible bodily resurrection demonstrating His power over death and sin, His personal return; and regeneration by God, the Holy Spirit when we accept His free gift of salvation by His grace, through our personal faith, and not by any works we can do.

Mission statement

To provide a comprehensive home education information system to support, train and protect every willing North Dakota individual, family and church in the methods of privately funded, parent-directed home education.

NDHSA Statement of purpose

1. Encouraging and assisting Christian families in the education of their children according to Biblical principles;
2. Providing to home educators and the general public information pertaining to the Biblical, academic and legal aspects of home education;
3. Entering into activities, in filling out contracts necessary, incidental or beneficial to the accomplishment of the nonprofit purposes of this corporation.

The Eclectic Report

Gail M. Biby, editor

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- 2017 Bill & Gail Biby, Morris & Jackie Conklin, Allen & Barb Entzel
- 2018 Linus & Anna Evinger

Prayer Reminders:

ASK God to continue to give wisdom in all governance affairs of the NDHSA to our board of directors: **Ken & Llorra Knight, Jeff & Theresa Deckert, Pas. Jeff & Karol Kapelle, Sue Huntington, Pas. Brian & Bev Skaar and Troy & Kristin Durham.**

PRAY for Christians worldwide. Life can be pretty grim in some parts of the world if you are a Christian; ask God to protect, guide, strengthen.

SUPPORT your local support group in prayer during these summer months and ask God how can help come the new school year.

INTERCEDE for those experiencing indescribable loss of a loved one. Ask God to help them go on...even with joy.

PRAISE God for Home School Legal Defense Association and for our attorney, **Daniel Beasley.**

REMEMBER to pray for our Christian brothers and sisters: it comes down to deny self, take up your cross, follow Jesus. The way of the disciple of Jesus is hard.

PRAISE the LORD for the huge amount of curriculum options now available to parent educators.

PRAY for your Pastor and his family. Pray for him, his wife, and children regularly and encourage them.

PRAISE GOD for homeschooling dads, that God will strengthen their resolve and show them how to lead and participate with devotion and grace.

REMEMBER this: **PRAY** for those in prison. It is a hard life for Christians.

PRAY wisdom as you begin this new school year. Ask God to make it clear what is the true purpose of this adventure.

PRAISE God that we live where we have the freedom to homeschool. Pray for those in countries where no such freedom exists.

Sin is an ... allergic reaction to God's law, an irrational anti-God syndrome that drives us to exalt ourselves and steals our heart against devotion and obedience to our Maker.

J.I. Packer, *Rediscovering Holiness*

The very first step is to try to forget about self altogether. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favorite wishes every day and death of your body--in the end submit with every fibre of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. But look for Christ and you will find Him and with Him everything else thrown in."

C.S. Lewis, *Beyond Personality*