

## I. Philosophy of Computers

We live in an information age that is motored by the information highway. As students to negotiate this highway, they must be taught to be willing to be honest about their own beliefs and values. If they are willing to be honest in this way, the Christian educational process will reinforce those beliefs and values. Our students rely on our trustworthiness and our professionalism. We must also teach our students responsibility and respect the work of others. With these beliefs and values in place students can use the benefits of computer technology with integrity.

## II. Instructional Goals and Biblical Truths

God is a God of order. The study of computers enables to bring order into a chaotic world.

### 1. Classroom Behavior: The basis for consideration of others is God's kindness to us.<sup>1</sup>

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

Dear Friends, since God so loved us, we ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right. (Proverbs 20:11)

### 2. Writing: God recognizes writing as a powerful tool to influence people.

- A. God himself wrote
- B. God commanded others to write
- C. God keeps records<sup>2</sup>

When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God. (Exodus 31:18)

These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)

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<sup>1</sup>Haycock, Dr. Ruth C. Encyclopedia of Bible Truths for School Subjects. 1993. Association of Christian Schools International. 78.

<sup>2</sup>Haycock. 150.

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored His name. (Malachi 3:16)

**3. Diligence: God approves of and rewards diligence.<sup>3</sup>**

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, (John 5:39)

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. (1 Timothy 4:15)

**4. Honesty (plagiarism, internet use): God expects honesty in our dealing with one another.<sup>4</sup>**

“Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another.” “Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him.” (Leviticus 19:11, 13)

The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful. (Proverbs 12:22)

**5. Taking Care of materials and equipment: God expects us to care for the gifts he has given us.**

Guard what has been entrusted to your care. (1 Timothy 6:20)

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. (Luke 12:48)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (Genesis 2:15)

**6. Creativity: God gives a variety of specialized abilities which are creative in nature.<sup>5</sup>**

The good man brings forth good things out of the good stored up in him. (Matthew 12:35)

"And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. (1 Chronicles 28:9)

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<sup>3</sup>Haycock. p. 47.

<sup>4</sup>Haycock. p. 83.

<sup>5</sup>Haycock. p. 322.

**7. Listening in class: scriptures show that we must hear to learn.**

Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life. (Proverbs 4:23)

Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." (Deuteronomy 4:10)

**8. Record: God is concerned that we keep accurate records.**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, (Exodus 17:14)

These are the amounts of the materials used for the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the Testimony, which were recorded at Moses' command by the Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the priest. (Exodus 38:21)