

**Not For Parents Only**

Someone raised a KU flag on a flagpole near my house. My father-in-law told me about 'those' people. I received my teaching credentials from Mizzou. Go! Tigers! It is all in good fun.

I love Harding, my alma mater, (Go Bisons!) and I benefited greatly from the experience. That is not a boast. It is a fact. It was a choice, a good choice. I believe in Christian education. I would encourage every parent to consider Christian education for their children.

Christians in our congregation have attended or sent their children to Florida College, Harding University, Ozark Christian College, David Lipscomb University, Oklahoma Christian University, and perhaps others. All are good choices.

Not all Christian colleges are alike. So, choices must be made; individual choices; personal choices. However, they are choices that have nothing to do with the value of the individual or one's fellowship with God. Yet, there have been comments . . . .

Within this congregation there have been condescending attitudes toward those who prefer *other* schools.

Where did our children learn such things? None of our high school kids can speak from personal experience. The appearance of the grounds and a weekend geared for teens, or a special tour and conversation with a recruiter tell very little about a college.

Parents, adults: Young people repeat what you say. They are often a mirror of your attitudes. Are you teaching a lesson of partiality toward other Christians because of your own biases? Do you think that your college preferences make you spiritual before God? Is there a certain academic pedigree that makes one more acceptable???

The Apostle Paul instructed a young learner Timothy: "**Godliness with contentment is great gain.**" Now that's something to talk about!

Paul reminded the Christians at Rome who had strong convictions:

**"Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand."** (Romans 14:4)

I would encourage all of our kids to *consider* attending Christian college. I believe the educational experience to be excellent. What a blessing to sit in classes taught by Christians. However, this is not an option for everyone. In fact, some of you might have a completely different view of Christian education.

In the end, it is not our college preference or our academic experience that makes us right before God. Let's be sure that we do not look down on anyone for their college choice. Let's teach our children to be people that promote godliness, honesty, and integrity regardless of individual academic choices.