



Welcome to ParentU with Christopher Perrin

Lesson 1: Where Does Classical Education Come From?

Outline:

What is classical education? Where did it come from? How did we get here?

- A new way of thinking about education as an applied science emerged, which is progressive modern education.
- Classical education was education, which was considered to be the formation of a human soul by nurturing the soul on truth, goodness, and beauty preparing that person to be wise, virtuous, and eloquent to serve God and neighbor.

Why are we talking about classical education today?

- About 40 years ago many thought it was better to go back to what was better than what we were experiencing.
- C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Jonathan Edwards received a classical education.
- Presently, there are 300 member schools that are part of the Association of Classical Christian schools.
- David Hicks published *Norms & Nobility* in the late 1980s.

How do we give to our students something that we didn't receive for ourselves?

- Classical education could not be completely removed.
- The study of great literature remained.
- Some have studied classical languages.
- Some have loved mathematics.
- Some have been trained in speech and communications, rhetoric.
- Some have studied logic and grammar.
- Classical education was like a beautiful ship and then it crashed upon the rocks. We've been floating on the fragments of this ship ever since.
- We are trying to repair the ruins (Milton).
- In this last generation of repair and renewal we have made some mistakes. What you are encountering is not the full maturity that we have known in previous centuries.
- You are joining a renewal of a wonderful deep tradition of education that has blessed so many.