

# WELL VERSED | CHAPTER 6

## Schools, Universities, and the Christian Faith

1. In what ways have Supreme Court cases impacted our public education? (44-45) What are the practical results of those court cases? (46)
  
2. Dr. Everett Piper, President of Oklahoma Wesleyan University, says before you take your children to a Christian school, you need to ask the President and head of the Religion Department two questions: “What is your view of Scripture? and What is Truth?” He contends that if they don’t answer you, it is not because they do not know. It is because they refuse to answer. Why are his questions important? Why should we care? (49)
  
3. Read the following to your group. “It is important that parents know the difference between a truly Christian university and one that states that the college “was founded as a Christian school.” That is code for “we are not distinctly Christian anymore.” Adding to the confusion are the names of universities. Just as an example, look at the spectrum of schools – from non-biblical to strongly biblical – that are named after the great 18th century British evangelist John Wesley, that is, named “Wesleyan.”
  - Wesleyan University, located in Middletown, Connecticut, made national headlines for its class “Pornography: Writing of Prostitutes,” which was exposed in 1999 by radio talk show host Dr. Laura. Hardly the type of place you want your children to go. (This school was formerly associated with The Methodist Church.)
  - If you believe in the absolute authority and infallibility of the Bible, before you send your child to any of the following universities make sure you ask Dr. Piper’s questions stated above: Dakota Wesleyan (South Dakota), Illinois Wesleyan, Iowa Wesleyan, Kansas Wesleyan, Nebraska Wesleyan, North Carolina Wesleyan, Ohio Wesleyan, Tennessee Wesleyan, Texas Wesleyan, Virginia Wesleyan, and West Virginia Wesleyan. If you adhere to the total reliability of the Bible, and that Jesus is truly the Son of God, that he lived a sinless life, performed real miracles, and that he physically, literally raised from the dead, you might be shocked at their answers. (All were formerly Methodist schools.)
  - One other Wesleyan college has been strongly orthodox, but with its acceptance of state funds, I was told that potential faculty cannot legally be asked questions about their personal Christian faith or their personal lifestyle during the interview process. How can any school remain “Christian” if the interviewer cannot ask the interviewee if he or she has a distinctly Christian worldview! How comforting is that to you as a parent? (This one is part of the Free Methodist denomination.)

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- In contrast to the long list above, the following colleges with “Wesleyan” in their name are solid, orthodox, biblically rooted and grounded, meaning parents can send their children there with confidence that the professors affirm the truth of Scripture: Indiana Wesleyan, Oklahoma Wesleyan, Southern Wesleyan (South Carolina). (All are part of the Wesleyan denomination.)
- What is the message from all this? Do your homework. Investigate. Ask questions. Expect answers. Don’t let academic appearances seduce you to sacrifice spiritual and biblical integrity. Simply stated, buyer (of colleges) beware.