

# Hi, I Am New To Christian Schools. What's this all about???

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- So what is this all about?



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- **This is a school!**
  - Academic institution
  - Biblically based curriculum
  - Mind, Body, Spirit



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- **This is a business!**
    - Typically, Not for Profit status
    - Tuition and donation funded
    - Fiduciary responsibility
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- **This is a MINISTRY!**
  - Salvation and or discipleship
  - Christian community
  - Prayer




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Paul reminds us in Romans 12:2  
to transform our minds.

The issue is not your heart's  
spiritual condition but your mind.  
There is a considerable difference  
between being a Christian  
educator in a secular setting and  
being a Christian School  
educator.

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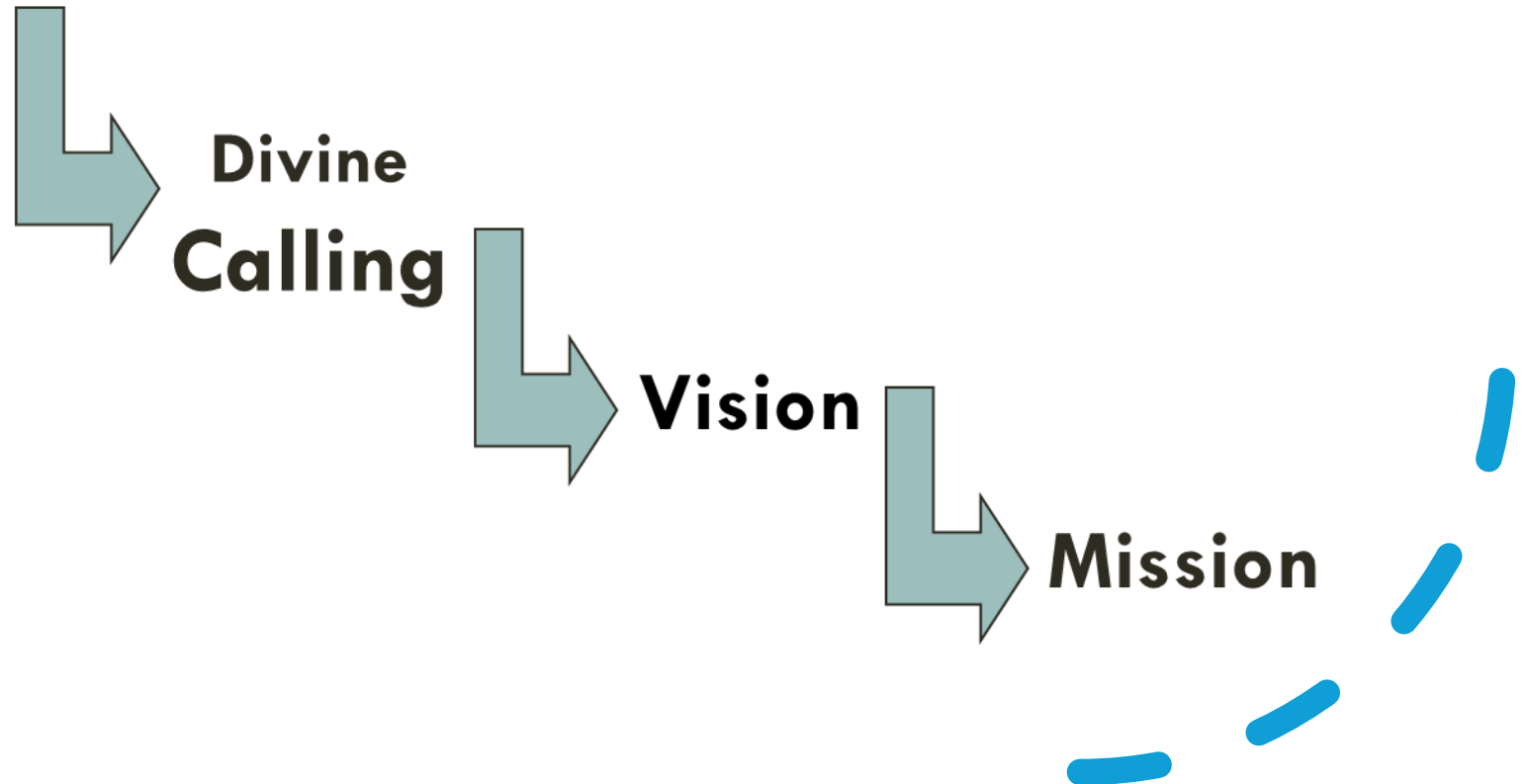
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- It really is all about mission and calling!!
    - What is God calling you to do?
    - What is God calling the school to do?
    - Does your calling, and the school's align?
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# Understanding the importance of Mission:

**From God to us!**





# THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS OF A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT!

Christian schools by their nature, have complex subdivisions.

Non-profit status:

Foundational / Operational Mission:

Church Related,  
Independent,  
Denominational,




# Classroom Management Starts From A Different Perspective!

- What is the basic nature of a child?
- The secular view: The child is basically good; a clean slate for which to build upon.
- The Christian view: All of us are born with a sin nature and are in need of redemption.


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- What is the basic nature of a Christian child?
- The concept of Childishness and Foolishness




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## Christian School Curriculum Starts From A Different Perspective!

- Biblical Integration
  - He is the author & creator of all that we can ever know, and therefore, our teaching must focus on Him and bring glory to His name.
  - There are tools to help you with this.
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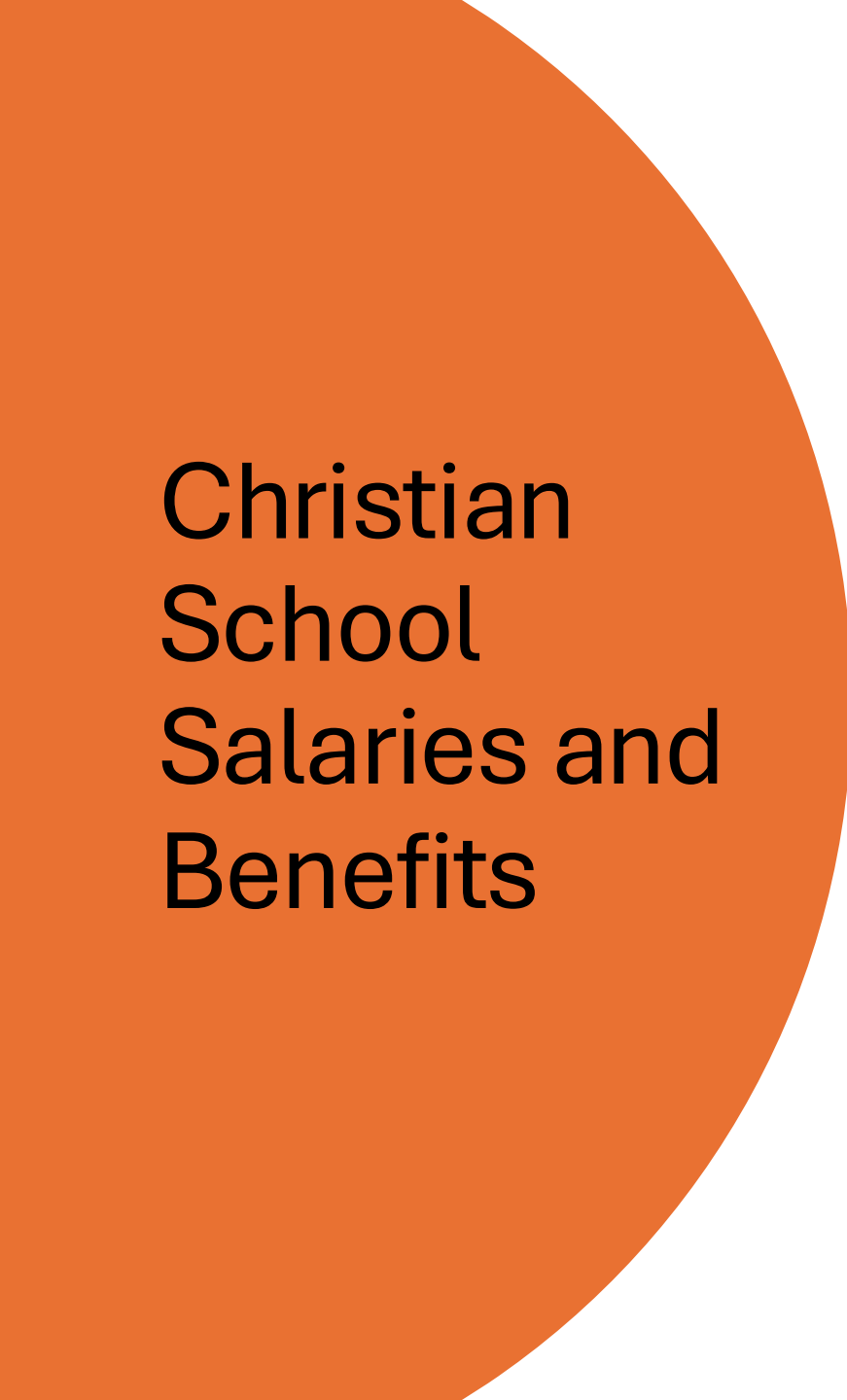
- Christian Textbooks
  - Several good publishers
  - Depth of use:
    - Textbooks > Lesson Plans > Curriculum Guides
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- And what if they ask me to teach BIBLE?!?!?!?
- They might!




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## Christian School Salaries and Benefits

- Historically, 25-50% lower than public school salaries, but this is changing rapidly!
  - School Choice movement
  - Nonmonetary life benefits
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- There will be issues that are unique to your school and associated ministry.
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- There will be community expectations.



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- Remember:
- When God calls you to do something, He will provide and equip you for success!



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- Be blessing!
- Be a blessed!



# For More Information

Dr. Patrick Otto has served as Chair of the Graduate School of Education since 2001. He has been a professional educator serving as a Christian School teacher, administrator, and professor in elementary, secondary, postsecondary and higher education since 1983.

Dr. Otto has extensive experience as a teacher, principal and Head Administrator in Christian schools. He has been a regular guest for radio and television programs discussing educational issues and he conducts professional workshops locally, nationally and internationally.

Dr. Otto truly believes that God has a specific plan for the lives of each and every Christian and for the operations of the schools that He has called into existence. Thus he considers it an honor and blessing to be able to serve these schools and their students, faculty, parents, school boards and administration, as they pursue God's plan.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Patrick Otto to assist you in your efforts.