

Ted often used “one pagers”—learning activities to prompt discussion of the issue of the day. This one is “The Roots of the Paradox in Religious Education”

Assumptions That Lead to Neglect

Christian parents will bring up their children in Christian ways.

The church is concerned with worship, not teaching.

Education of children can be delegated to the public sector.

The competencies of parenting come as naturally as growing older.

The moral influence of the church is a matter of *information* and *example*.

Education is one clear-cut area that can be delegated away from pastoral responsibility.

Realities That Lead to (and Indicate) Blight

Not all Christian parents are able to provide Christian nurture.

Churches are better able to teach children than adults. (why? schooling model)

Churches develop their own copies of the public schools.

Incompetency and resultant problems become a necessary concern of the church (counseling).

Information, if lacking commitment to source, merely contends. *Examples*, if faulty are unheeded.

Christian education easily becomes isolated from pastoral ministries.