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Copywork for Building Character



*P*atience

the ability to put our desires on hold for a time

Copywork Notebook

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Cyndi Kinney ~ This book is dedicated to my amazing family. Thank you to my wonderful husband, Scott, who ate a lot of leftovers, listened to a lot of whining (from me), and sent lots of positive energy my way. Thank you to my daughter, Shelby, who truly inspired me through her love for learning. Thank you to my parents, Judy and Billy Trout, who taught me to trust in my abilities and to never give up.

Pamela Sutton ~ I dedicate this work to the greatest blessings and loves of my life, Kerry, Shelby and Cody. The three of you are the heart and soul of what makes me complete and defines who I am most proud to be; Wife and Mom.

*****What is “copywork,” and how do I use it in my child’s education?***

Copywork is a great way to teach your children so many things. One that I feel is the most important is that of developing character through easily drawing to memory those truths by which they should live.

By copying truths to live by, our children will “hide them in their hearts” and be able to call upon them in times of need.

Also, by copying passages from Great Works of literature or history, children learn many areas of Language Arts. Children have the opportunity to be exposed to great writers or historical events, while learning Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar, Vocabulary, and Creative Writing from the “Masters.” Most Classical Education programs recommend copywork as an intricate part of educating your children, quite often in place of many of the traditional Language Arts programs listed above.

By copying passages 2-3 days per week (or more), your children will come to learn and possibly even memorize some of the greatest literature from our history. While penmanship is important, the knowledge that they are gaining through the copywork is what is most important.

However, do encourage your children to take pride in their penmanship. Also, instruct them in the importance of the “art” of Spelling, Punctuation, Vocabulary, Grammar, and Creative Writing. With some practice, they will begin to “imitate” these in their own personal writing.

*****How do I use THIS notebook?***

Inside this book, you will find 14 quotes from the Bible and people in history. Have your child read each section, and think about/discuss what it means. Have your child copy the section, using his or her best penmanship.

At twice per week, this notebook will last 7 weeks. At three times per week, it will last a little over 4 weeks. Many parents choose to have their children do copywork daily, in which case, this notebook will last for 14 school days. You will also need to determine how many times each quote should be copied, as there is ample space for multiple copies to be written.

Some parents have their students copy each quote for several days in a row, in order to make sure that the quote is completely understood and can easily be recalled.

***This notebook also includes “Vocabulary/Thinking Questions Extension Exercises.” These exercises will help in your child’s understanding of the quote and its meaning, as well as memorization. Please do not skip these important exercises.

It is NEVER too early (or too late) to begin teaching the appreciation of the Great Literary Artists and historical works.

Patience



NAME: _____

DATE STARTED: _____

DATE COMPLETED: _____

Proverbs 15:18 - A hot-tempered man stirs up
dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

Sample

Vocabulary Extension:

Dissension: strong disagreement; discord

Use this word in a sentence:

Ecclesiastes 7:6 - The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.

Sample

Thinking Question:

What does this verse mean to you?

Psalm 37:7 - Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Sample

Thinking Question:

What does it mean to “be still in the Lord?”

Proverbs 14:29 - A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.

Sample

Vocabulary Extension:

Folly: a foolish action, practice, idea, etc.; absurdity

Synonyms: imprudence, rashness, mistake, _____, _____