

Kingdom Education, Kingdom Thinking is Rooted in Hope.

You'll know your school represents the Kingdom of God well when your students abound in hope. Hope is the foundation for a Kingdom school's practices and methods. One releases the power of the Kingdom of Heaven when one understands the power of God-given Hope.

### **Practices and Methods**

It took me many years to learn the power of hope in a child's life.

- Our job is not simply to teach; it is to reflect the Kingdom while teaching.
- Foster children reflect the power of the loss of hope; they act out!

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### **Living Hope – Give your students something to live for!**

We are to represent heaven. These scriptures hint at what heavenly hope looks and feels like.

**Jer. 29:11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you **a future and a hope.**

**Rom. 8:24** We **hope** for what we do not see (Faith).

**Rom. 15:13** Abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Titus 3:7** It is the **hope of eternal life.**

**Heb. 6:19** This **hope** is an anchor to our soul.

**1 John 3:3** And everyone with this **hope** in [Jesus] purifies himself, just as [Jesus] is pure. (Hope keeps one focused on Jesus.)

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Matt 23:23 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the **weightier matters** of the law: **justice and mercy and faith.** These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.”

(Weightier: of much importance or consequence: momentous, powerful, telling.)

**Justice** – The quality of being fair and reasonable, not just the rules, but fair to both the victim and the wrongdoer. Justice is to make things right.

**Mercy** - Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

**Faith** – Teaching our students to set their hope in the Kingdom of Heaven. Hebrews 11:1 - “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not

seen. 11:16 – “But now they desire a better . . . a heavenly *country*. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”

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- Never shocked about failure or mistakes.
  - Failure is a great teacher.
  - Never mad, only sad (Danny Silk).
  - You must assess the students’ motivation, whether disobedience, ignorance (immaturity), or personality, knowing their motivation will affect how you apply discipline.
- You are not a mind reader. Ask good questions.
  - And you, fathers, do not provoke [exasperate] your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4
- Mutually assured love (Mercy)
  - Love even your enemies
  - Be aware the abundance of your heart speaks volumes. Luke 6:45
- Confrontation is best served with a teaspoon of empathy.
- Clear communication, being open and honest.
  - Speak the truth in love.
  - He who speaks truth tells what is right, but a false witness produces deceit. Proverbs 12:17
- Hold students accountable.
  - Justice has no room for revenge.
  - Give responsibility without piling on guilt.
  - Remember, do not exasperate them.