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Without This, Desire Will Destroy

Today our students are being told that they are defined by their desires. What they want is who they are, in other words. But we all know that not all desire is good. Huge effort and money is expended to suppress and redirect desire. A healthy life involves choosing to eat the right food in the right quantities, choosing regular physical activity, and choosing to spend less time sitting in front of a screen and more time moving and engaging with people who are physically present. The desire to eat whatever pleases us, and to sit and be entertained for hours by screens of different sizes all day, is very strong. But the data about the negative long-term effects of a sedentary life and poor diet is so overwhelming that no tolerance is given to those who choose to follow their desires to what everyone agrees will be an early grave. In addition, unhealthy lifestyles cost the public dearly through increased demands on our publicly funded health care system. For the good of the person and the good of society, we insist that people show self-discipline in their appetites.

In Proverbs 19:2, Solomon tells us that, 'Desire without knowledge is not good, and whoever makes haste with their feet misses the way'. This is an ancient affirmation of a scientifically validated modern belief. Desire should always be moderated by what is known and what is validated by reality (and in many cases good research). Desires that lead to physical harm should be harnessed. It is good, we believe, to make those who allow harmful desires to lead them feel ashamed of their behavior. It does not matter how much people like these behaviors. For their good and the good of society, we need to do

everything we can, we believe, to reduce unwise indulgence. We all need to channel desire for both food and leisure to things that will have the greatest life-long benefit.

Even in sexuality we do not support total unrestraint in people's pursuit of pleasure. There is no tolerance for men who prey on children for sexual fulfillment. Over the last two years there has been a public outcry against wealthy powerful men bullying (and drugging) woman into bed with them. There is a significant conversation going about what consent looks like between couples. If anything, we are moving away from the 'free-love' era to one with a new restrictive moral code which, according to recent research, is so complex and changeable that it is causing many young adults to avoid sexual relationships all together.

The problem with raw desire is that it is a kind of willingness that asks no questions. Desire must be moderated by knowledge because if left unrestrained, it can actually lead us away from fulfillment. We are not what we desire. We are what we choose to do with our desires.

Choosing to wisely manage desires is impossible without divine intervention. Ask someone my age (57) if they had always managed their desires well and they would all admit they had not. Life's regrets always come from poorly controlled desires. More than this, all of us would admit to desire expressions, that despite negative results in the past, are still hard to resist. I know three people who, despite smoking-related illnesses that diminished the length and quality of their lives, smoked to their last days.

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The strangest thing about desire is, when left unrestrained, it dramatically reduces what we come to expect from life. "Our problem is not that we want too much, but that we want too little", C.S. Lewis claimed. At the onset of unrestrained desire fulfillment, people believe this will be the surest route to happiness, but over time, these pleasure seekers settle for less and less, coming to believe that life is mostly miserable, only briefly interrupted by moments of short-term pleasure.

We need knowledge to guide our desires to their true fulfillment. Solomon provides this (though he also had great difficulty following his own advice). At the end of Ecclesiastes, he (or someone using his voice) states, "remember God in your youth". This is the knowledge that our students need to channel their desires in the right direction. The One who made the desires is the only One who can ultimately fulfill them. Without His Spirit and His word, the very strong desires we were created with will lead us away from God and His joy.

The most abusive idea we can promote to children is not only that they are what they want, but that they have everything they need to channel those desires. Desire is good when coupled with an understanding of the One who created them and the One who can fulfill them. Desire is bad when it shapes a person who pursues pleasure without the guidance of meaning and truth. Without the channel created by a meaningful, true worldview, desire will run a course that ends in a stagnant pool of total misery.

ACSIWC will never support any curriculum that encourages children to focus on what they want without challenging them to consider what God wants first. Because we believe when we begin with what God wants for us, and when we experience His life-giving Spirit, through faith and repentance, we find that pathway for our desire that will lead to total, eternal fulfillment.

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Events

Find information and register for events on our [website](#). The ACSI Events Calendar for 2018/2019 is posted on our Home page.

Administrator/Board Conference

The 2018 **AB Administrator/Board Conference** will be November 23–24 in Banff, with keynote Dan Egeler. Check [here](#) for registration and information.

Save the date, February 14, 2019 for the **MB Administrator/Board Conference** in Winnipeg.

Professional Development

In keeping with our mission to enable Christian educators to effectively prepare students for life, ACSI offers professional development specifically designed to benefit teachers and administrators within our member schools. It is also a good opportunity to meet with colleagues and continue to build a support network for your school.

Our **Summer Institute** for educators will be July 3–6. Check the [website](#) for details.

Save the date for our 2018/2019 PD Days. Check our [website](#) often for information updates.

- **Island PD Day:** February 15, 2019, Comox, BC
- **PD North:** February 22, 2019, Quesnel, BC
- **SK Winter Conference Day:** March 5, 2019, Caronport, SK

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Student Activities

The foundation of a good life is both an understanding of God's Word and a commitment to live in a way that reflects His character. The most important thing we can do is to equip our students, then give them a life-applicable understanding of the Word.

This year's **Fall Student Leadership Conferences** dates, and locations are as follows:

- AB: September 20–21, Camp Caroline
- SK: October 10–12, Dallas Valley Camp
- MB: October 10–12, Cedarwood Camp
- BC: October 22–23, Summit Pacific College

Watch for brochures and registration information being sent to your schools. ACSI members, go to my.acsi.org to join the Student Activities group on ConNEXUS for discussion and information about the Student Leadership Conferences.

Teacher Conventions

Our Teacher Conventions are focused on ways to continually improve as Christian schools. Save the date for our 2018/2019 conventions. Brochures will be sent to your schools. Check our [website](#) often for updated information or to register.

- BC: October 5, 2018, Abbotsford
- AB: October 18–19, 2018, Calgary
- MB: February 15, 2019, Winnipeg

ACSI members go to my.acsi.org to join the Teacher Convention group on ConNEXUS for discussion and information.

College Corner

If any of our member colleges have an upcoming open house or other event that would be of interest to our students, please let our office know so that we can include the information in upcoming issues of the Communicator.

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Vanguard College Personal Visits

Are you curious to know what it is like to be a student at Vanguard? Contact us to book a personalized tour; we would be happy to arrange a visit. Please contact Enrolment Services at 1.866.222.0808 or check our [website](#).

Rosebud School of the Arts



June 1 – Sept 1

Rosebud School of the Arts is accepting applications for September 2018. The application form is on our [website](#) and you can [email](#) to book your Scout Week! Be sure to like [Rosebud Theatre](#) and [Rosebud School of the Arts](#) on Facebook to keep in touch.

Bring your Drama Class out to Rosebud for a tour, a show and workshop through our Rosebud in the Classroom program. [Contact us](#) for more details.

Catch a show in Rosebud!

Rosebud Theatre has kicked off it's AMAZING 2018 season.

We're pleased to offer a family fun-filled musical JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT this summer, June 1–September 1.

Our thought-provoking, and empathy-activating drama THE AMISH PROJECT runs in the BMO Studio Stage July 6–September 1.

Contact Rosebud Theatre box office for information on group rates, student matinees or a family holiday. You can book [online](#) or call 1.800.267.7553.

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Summit Pacific College

Campus Tours—Want to check out our campus? We'd love to show you around and tell you more about our school! Book a tour on our [website](#) or contact our Recruitment Department at 604.851.7222.

Guest Speakers—Looking for a guest speaker for your next event? SPC has quality speakers to share at your chapel service, assembly, or other special events. Contact Nathan Boldt by [email](#) or call him at 604.851.7222 for more information.

Peace River Bible Institute Campus Visits

Plan a campus visit that compliments your schedule and get a full experience of our campus life! To arrange a campus visit, please [email](#) us or call Anne Laursen at 780.933.4144.

Prairie College Events

Personalized Visits—we will personalize your very own **FREE** [campus visit](#) and create a customized experience that will meet your needs. Our Admissions Office is open Monday–Friday from 9:00 AM–5:00 PM all year round to serve you. For more information or to arrange a visit [email](#) us or call 1.800.661.2425.

The King's University Events

Personal Visits—We can arrange for you to meet one-on-one with an Admissions Counsellor. Personal visits can be scheduled Monday–Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Please contact Admissions at 780.465.8334 or [by email](#) to book an appointment.

School News

We would like to encourage you to [email](#) newsworthy information about your school to be included in this section of the monthly Communicator.

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Alberta Youth Call 2 Prayer

It was encouraging to receive a couple of thank you letters in response to the 'Alberta Youth Call 2 Prayer' that some of our Alberta schools participate in each year.

From Lori Sigurdson (Minister of Seniors and Housing)

Many thanks for your prayer in support of my work as Minister of Seniors and Housing.

All the best!

From an Alberta Member of Parliament

It is such a blessing to hear that you are praying for and encouraging elected officials such as myself. We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and its ability to influence others. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Please continue to pray for local, provincial, and federal leaders. Please pray for wisdom and revelation as we discern the best way forward and pray for courage as we do our best to act rightly.

With utmost gratitude,

Global Outreach

School Global Outreach News

One of the reasons our schools are so strong is because of their passionate concern for exalting Jesus among the nations. We will be highlighting your stories in the Communicator to encourage each other with how our schools are doing this. Please forward stories to our office from recent mission trips and/or mission projects if you would like to share what your school is doing in support of reaching the world for Christ.

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2017–18 Classrooms for Africa Project

Each year ACSI Western Canada selects a project to support. For the 2017–18 school year our project has been to continue raising funds for the Dust to Desk Project. The goal was to raise \$20,000 to provide seating for over 1,000 students. Donations totaling \$10,680, collected at some of this year's ACSI Teacher Conventions, went toward this goal. [Click here](#) to donate online. A promotional PowerPoint and a video are available for schools and teachers to use for their students and school communities. Please [email](#) us or check out our [website](#) for more information.

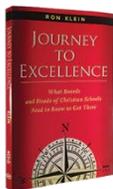
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Have you been thinking of updating your curriculum or trying something new? If you are interested in any of our products, we can send you a FREE sample text to preview. This too is a benefit of ACSI membership!

If you have any questions or need more information, please let us know.

In addition, we have some new products available:



Journey to Excellence: What Boards and Heads of Christian Schools Need to Know to Get There (SKU# 6541)

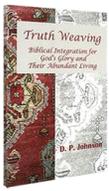
The subtitle of this book is all you need to know to make this a must read. Written from the experience of a business entrepreneur, a Christian school board member and a head of school, this book is a practical guide for schools that want to *Journey to Excellence*. Price \$14.95



PIVOT: New Directions for Christian Education (SKU# 6671)

This book, emanating from the 2017 Global Christian School Leadership Summit, is a valuable resource for Christian education leaders at all levels. Each chapter, written by thought leaders in the movement, includes questions for thought and discussion to open the door for continued dialogue and professional development. Price \$12.95

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Truth Weaving: Biblical Integration for God's Glory and Their Abundant Living (SKU# 6658)

As a Christian teacher, do you strive to show your students the living God in the world around them? Have you struggled with how to weave God's truth into your daily lessons? Whether you teach English, Algebra, Biology or Art, whether you work in a Christian school or public, whether you teach eight-year-olds or eighteen-year-olds, you will profit from *Truth Weaving*. Price \$11.99

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