

Christian Worldview in Biblical Education in Africa



**What is the purpose of
Christian Education?**

2 Bible Colleges

Which one pleases God more?



Big Important Bible University

They have...

Funding

Large Faculty

Students

Buildings

Articles

Books

Recognition

Lots of Impact

But, they moved away from the
teaching of the Bible...

not a lot, just a little.



Small Insignificant Bible School

They have...

Small building

Small student body

Little funding

Few faculty and staff

But, they teach the Bible
accurately.



Greatness

Therefore whoever
relaxes one of the least of these commandments
and teaches others to do the same
will be called least in the kingdom of heaven,
but whoever does them and teaches them
will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

- Matthew 5:19



Which pleases God more?

Big Important Bible University

- Made their programmes easy
- Help them quickly and easily get certificates

Small Insignificant Bible School

- Deeply invested in each student

Helped the students:

- Really know the WORD
- Really mature in CHRIST
- Really impact their communities with the GOSPEL





How Does God Judge if We are Successful or Not?

Formal Theological Education

To mature leaders in Christ through discipleship with accountability according to education standards

ROMANS 12-15



Train the heart



Train the mind



Train to do

TRAIN THE HEART

*present your bodies
as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God (Rom. 12:1)*





TRAIN OUR HEART

Choice of the Will

- Are we really fully committed to God and His mission?
- OR
- Are we trying to please God AND the world
- Are we trying to please God AND our desires



Train the Heart

which is your
spiritual worship.

- Romans 12:1



Train the Mind

*² Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed
by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing
you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and
perfect.*

- Romans 12:2

Train the Mind

*¹¹ About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain,
since you have become dull of hearing.*

*¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers,
you need someone to teach you*

again the basic principles of the oracles of God.

You need milk, not solid food,

*¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled
in the word of righteousness,
since he is a child.*

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature,

*for those who have their powers of discernment trained
by constant practice*

to distinguish good from evil.

- Hebrews 5:11-14

Hermeneutics

For training the mind



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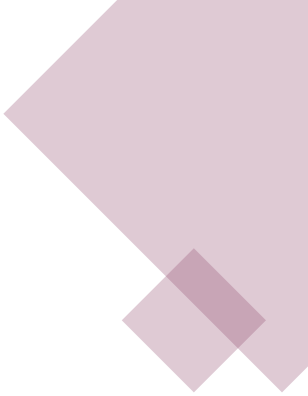
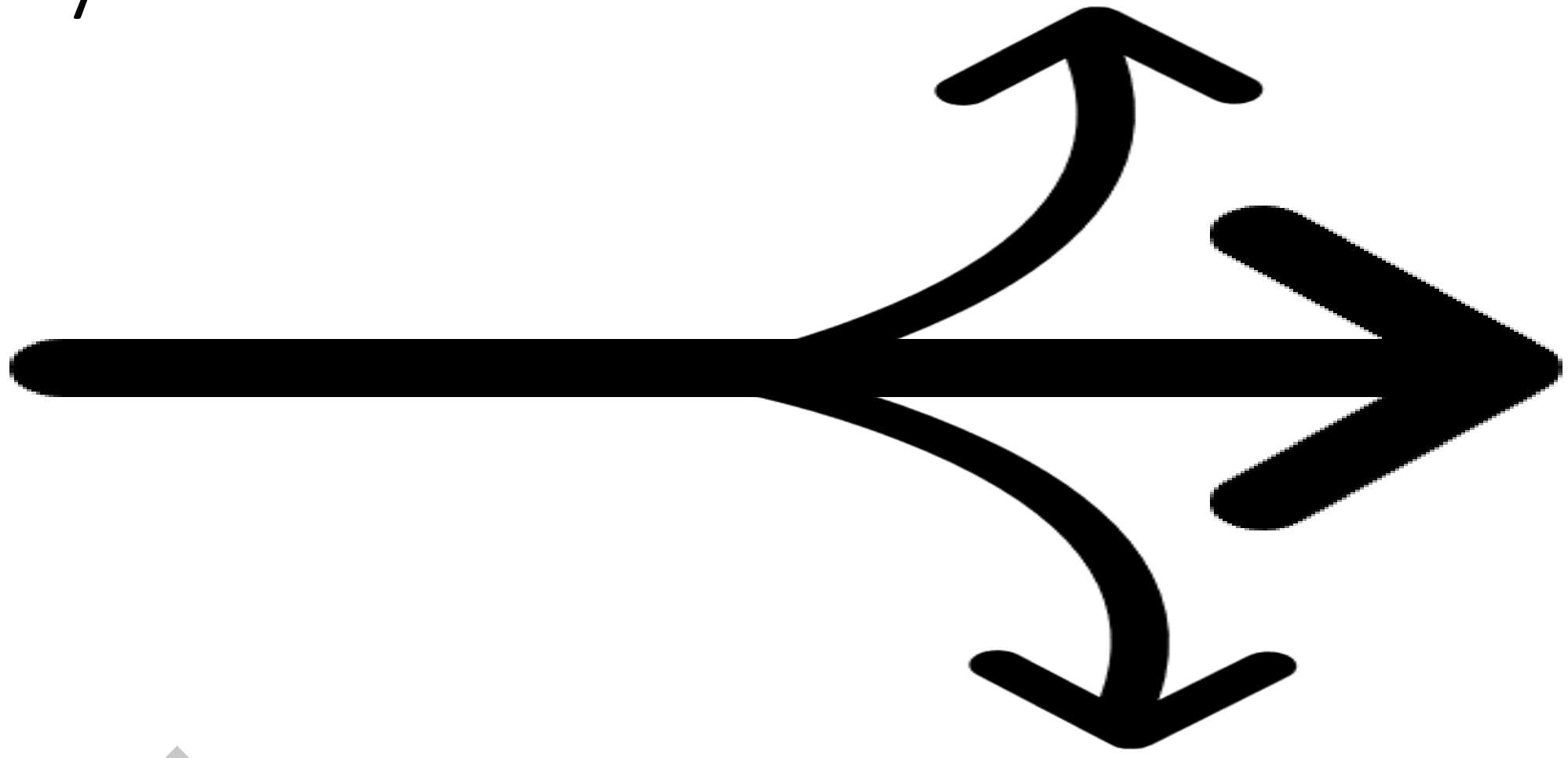


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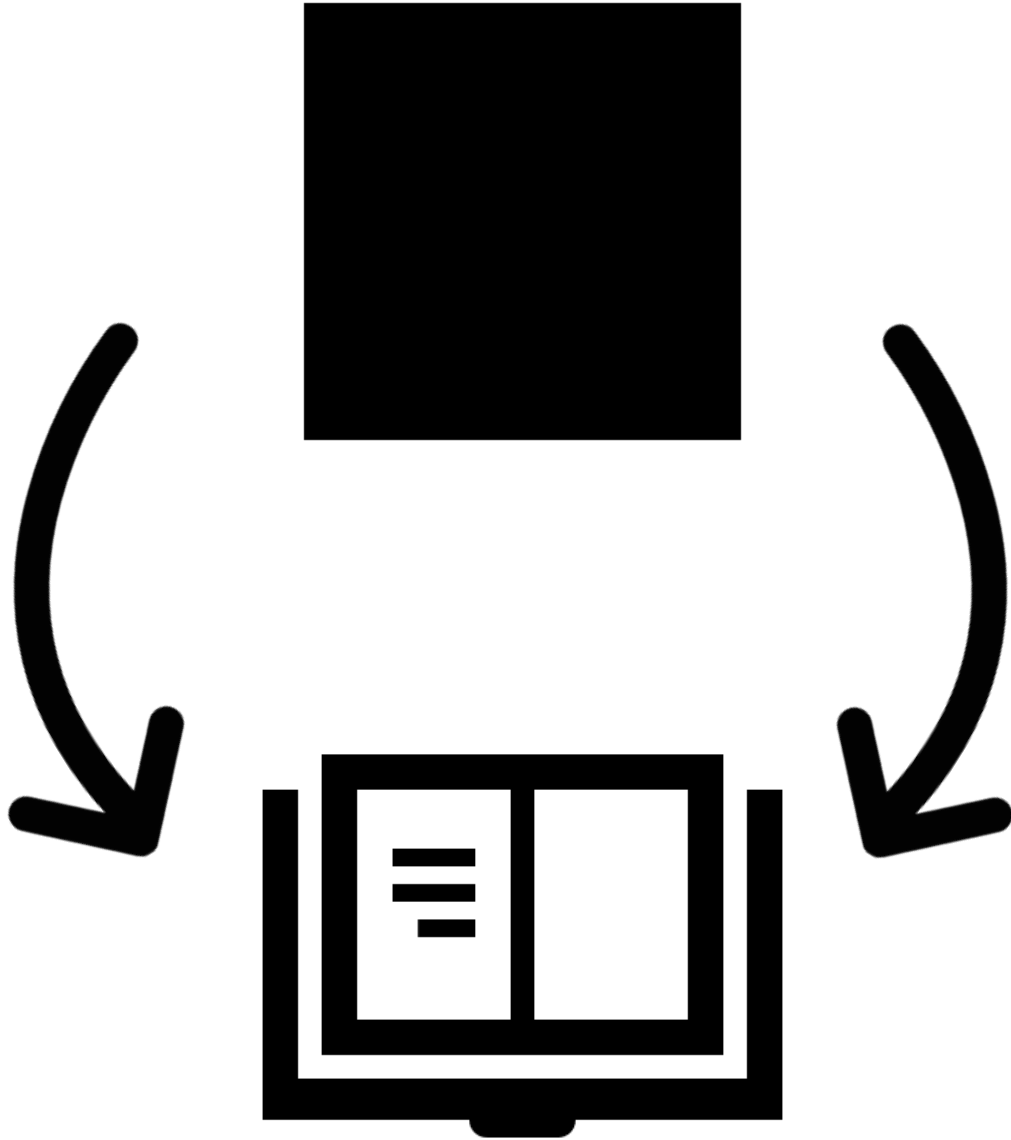


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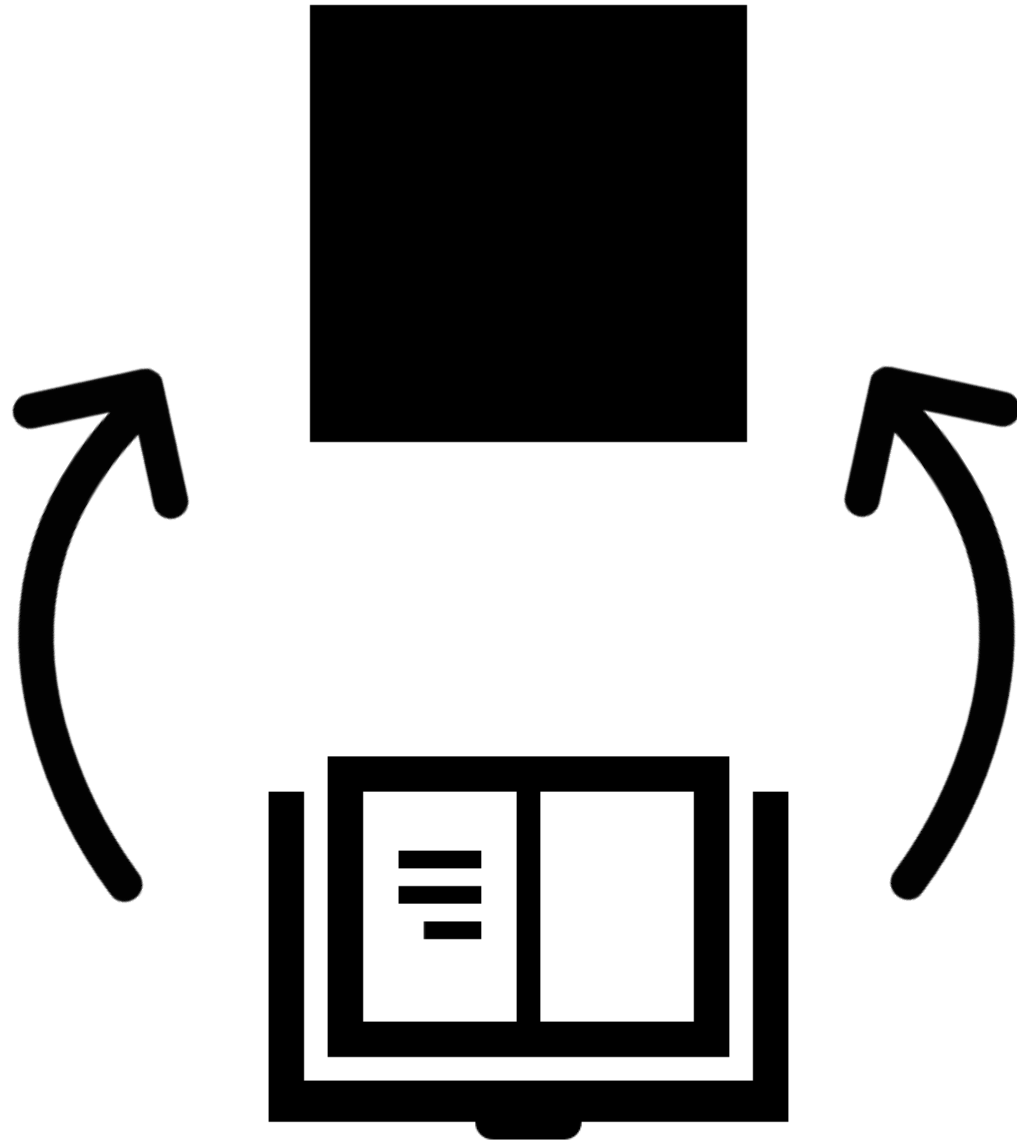
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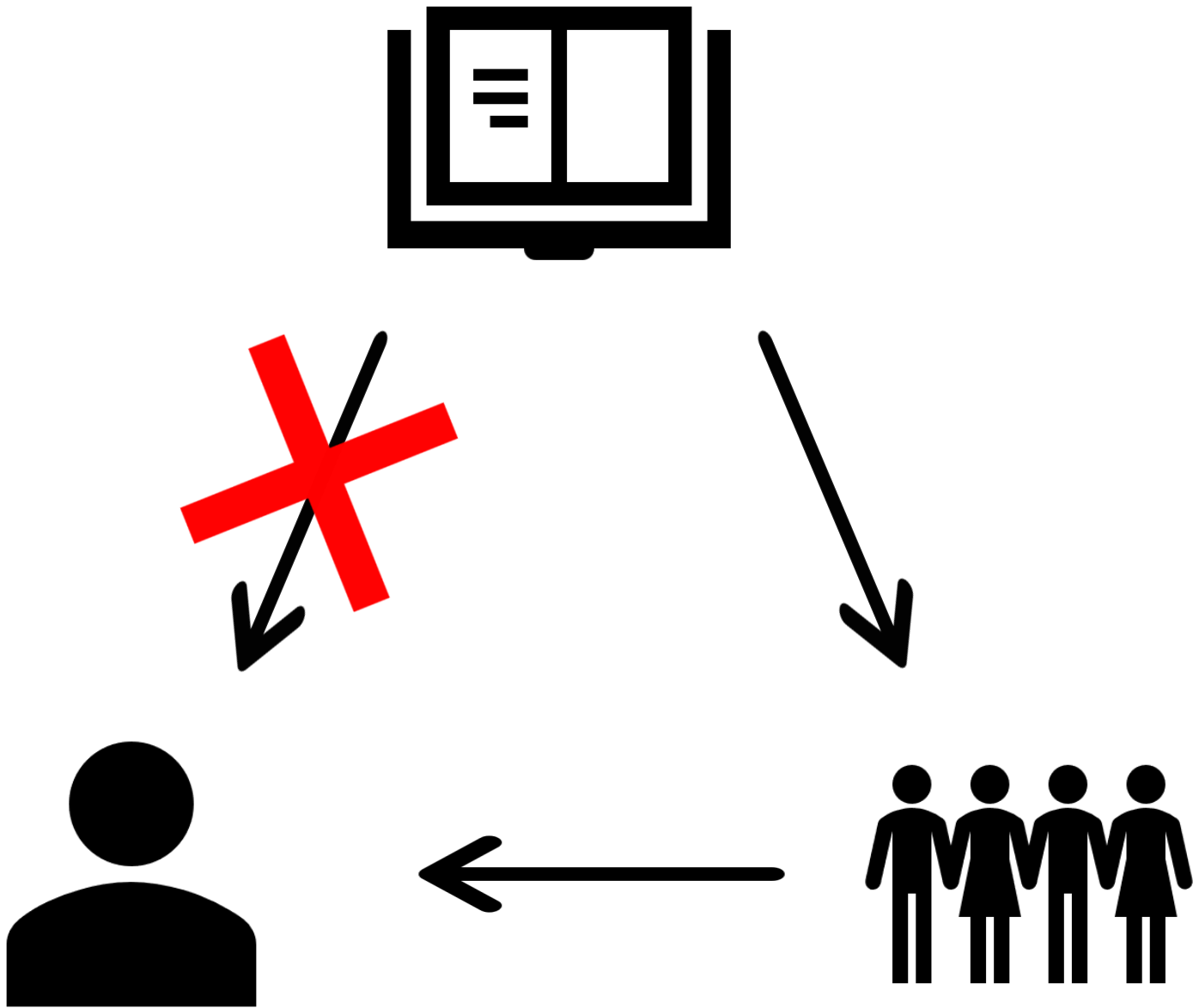
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Train to Do

Humility

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.



1 Corinthians 8:1

knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

Train to Do:
Service

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

- Romans 12:4-8

Train to Do:
Love

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

- Romans 12:4-8

Train to Do:
Submit

*Let every person be subject to the governing
authorities*

- Romans 13

Train to Do:

Unity

*As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him,
but not to quarrel over opinions.*

- Romans 14

Train to Do:

Bear with the Weak

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

- Romans 15



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Our heart



Our mind



What we do

Conclusion

¹⁴ I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. ¹⁵ But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God.

- Romans 15:14