

Damascus Christian School Lifestyle Statement

Dear DCS Parents and students,

Our actions are ultimately the product of our attitudes, which are a natural outflow of our worldview. We do act consistent with what we believe to be true. In educating your son or daughter at DCS, our worldview is based on several important assumptions - beliefs we assume to be the true and necessary foundation for a productive and satisfying Christian life -

- 1. God exists, loves us deeply, and has a specific plan for us.**
- 2. The Bible determines what is true and right, not our personal judgment or feelings.**
- 3. Students are to have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.**
- 4. Since our ultimate purpose in life is to glorify God, and beyond this life to enjoy His Presence forever, then the more our lives are lived consistently to that end, the greater our joy, the deeper our faith, and the more purpose we will find in living.**
- 5. God places us all under various authorities; our response to authority is critical to our spiritual life as well as daily relationships.**
- 6. Each of us is responsible for our own attitudes and behavior.**

With these assumptions in mind, we at DCS feel that each secondary student needs to take some time to evaluate his/her readiness for discipleship.

To change, to grow, to reach goals, we must determine ahead of time what we will believe and do. Scripture calls it "purposing in our heart" (Psalm 17:3).

To fail to periodically evaluate and set our hearts ahead of time will almost certainly guarantee that we will not carry out the right response or action under testing.

We want you to receive maximum benefit, challenge, and enjoyment from your 2007 – 2008 year at Damascus Christian School. If you just let the year happen, we can almost guarantee a less-than-satisfying year. If you determine ahead to give your best, relying on the Lord's help, you will not be disappointed because HE WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU!

What are we looking for?

An agreement and commitment to:

- * cooperate with our spiritual emphasis and direction**
- * cooperate with our operating procedures**
- * give it your best!**

We're not asking for perfection but rather an openness and willingness to allow God's Holy Spirit the freedom to bring about changes and growth in your life over the course of the year.

To that end, we would ask you to evaluate where you are now, make some commitments, and do some purposing in your heart.