



THE COLLEGE DECISION RESOURCE PACKAGE

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Is College in Your Child's Future?

Our family has had a variety of college experiences, from huge state universities to small liberal arts colleges, from public to private to Christian institutions.

Is college the course for *your* son or daughter?

If you've made that decision, or if you're just in the process of considering it, we'd like to share some of what we've learned!



How Do You Prepare Your Student for College?



It's not just about academic work!

Some students are ready for the classes but not quite there socially ...

Others may be overconfident of their ability to "handle it" ...

Here are a few basic considerations we found useful with our own students –

[CLICK HERE and read more](#)

We also offer an hour-long workshop, "Aiming For College"

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Choosing The Right College

We quickly realized that Mom and Dad's *alma mater* might be a special place, but not the automatic best choice for our child.

How do you determine what kind of college would suit your child's needs and aspirations? When you have a list of possibilities, how do you narrow that down into a few to focus on?

We talked about this on our podcast episode, **"Choosing a College"**

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Resources We've Used (affiliate links):

[Choosing the Right College](#)

[National Review College Guide](#)



Making College Visits Count



Even if your child just wants to go to State U. like Dad, colleges are like rivers – they are constantly changing, and the university you graduated from won't look the same to your child's generation.

What do you do?

You make visits, in person!

And your student needs a parent who knows what to look for ... but not to speak on their behalf.

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Let Them Speak for Themselves!

When we've been so careful raising our kids and helping them along the path to adulthood, it's hard to take our hands off the reins!

But "helicopter parents" are a growing problem for college administrators, and these parents aren't helping their young adults in the process.

We found it's most effective for your student to take the lead in all contact with the colleges, from the very first phone call – but they may need some coaching how to handle those stressful conversations!

[CLICK HERE for ideas how ...](#)



Attitudes for Academic Success



College academics are going to be intense. The coursework your student studied for a year in high school will be covered in one semester at college!

But there's more than the simple question, "Can I read and remember enough to pass a test?"

We interviewed our son John Calvin shortly after he graduated from college. We asked him what an incoming freshman needs to understand about making the most of the college learning experience

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Growing in Christ on a Secular Campus

One concern for Christian parents is how to prepare their student to walk in the faith when the campus isn't a Christian institution.

Even a historically Christian college may have soft-pedaled their testimony to the point they are no longer distinctively Christ-focused.

Our son John Calvin gives an hour-long presentation on how to stay Christian as a student – and even grow in faith – on a secular campus

[CLICK HERE](#) for our interview

Or get the full download **[HERE](#)**



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We hope you found this resource helpful in your own family's decisions about college for your young adults!

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