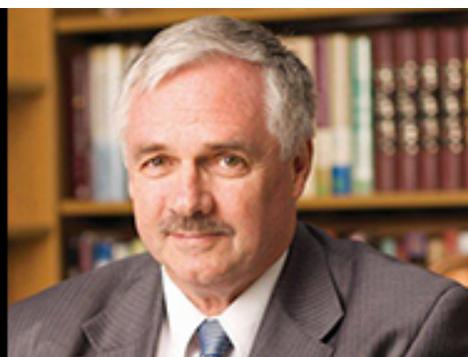




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Please find below a reflection to encourage you in your work of Christian education. We will send these out weekly and hope that these thoughts feed your soul.

The first series is based on CS Lewis' "Mere Christianity", and is therefore called "Mere Christian Education" by Dr Stephen Fyson.

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*In Grace and Truth,
Dr Ted Boyce.*

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Number 7:
WHAT IS
MORALITY AND
EDUCATION
ABOUT?



How did you go during the election? As a leader, were you challenged to have to respond to questions about economic stability and the future of Medicare? Were you pressured to give support to someone who promised more dollars per students in some form (as I was)?

For my part, I think the fascination of the whole event was why so many commentators did not include questions of personal morality in their analysis and comments. We have had leaders on both sides of politics routinely deposed due to opinion polls. We have had leaders on both sides of politics who regularly change their minds on critical issues. Yet they all seemed to be very sincere people, as individuals.

So what is the role of moral character in all of this? Again, CS Lewis had some considerable insight into this dilemma:

However much you improve the man's raw material [the psychological capacity], you have still got something else: the real, free choice of the man, on the material presented to him, either to put his own advantage first or to put it last, and this free choice is the only thing that morality is concerned with. (82)

How we live is not simply about raw dollars, or even raw capacity. This is true for politicians and us alike. Likewise, our deepest purposes for our students relate to more than raw capacity and content and skills. We have to choose what to do with what we have. Our reference point as Christians is living as God intends us to live, through grace by faith. For others, it is 'do what you like if you do not harm others'.

We need to keep praying how to exercise discerning leadership that invites our schools into the great joy of being free to love God and others even more. Amen!

Grace and peace,

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