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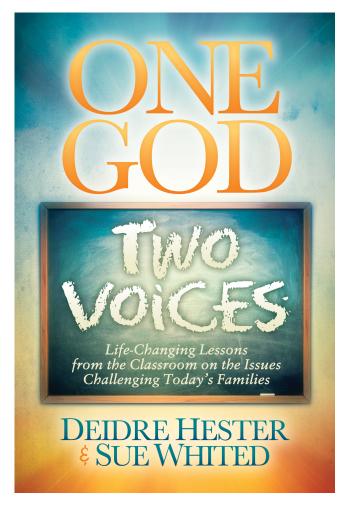


#### Overview

The "Two Voices" are educators with a passion for teaching and a love for students. We are also from two very different backgrounds, races, and ages. Can you imagine what happens when we start to discuss today's current educational, racial, social, and political issues? Let's just say, it gets interesting! We forgot to mention the most important thing—we are the best of friends and happened to be drawn together by our Christianity; our love for God and His Word.

Recently we were encouraged by our publisher to update an earlier work based on what is happening in education and life today. The result is *One God*, *Two Voices:* Life-Changing Lessons from the Classroom on the Issues Challenging Today's Families.

Written by teachers for teachers and others from a common sense and Christian perspective, we seek to speak out about the challenges we all face today, and encourage those in the classroom and the home to be the "light" in the lives of others.



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Voice I: Mrs. Deidre Hester

Deidre Boone Hester currently holds Professional Certification as both a secondary English teacher and a Guidance Counselor with the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, Inc., and began her career as an educator in 1985. She has taught in both public and private schools in Charlotte, NC; Killeen, TX; Newport News, Hampton, and Suffolk, VA; Gates County, NC; Yokosuka, Japan; and in Jacksonville, FL, where she now resides with her family since her husband's retirement from the United States Navy. She and her husband of twenty-seven years are both active in ministry at The Potter's House International Ministries where Deidre continues to serve students at The Potter's House Christian Academy. She also helps with the Discipleship ministry of their church.



Voice II: Mrs. Sue Whited



Sue Whited and her husband, Richard, were both teachers with Hampton City Schools in Hampton, VA, when the original book was published in 2004. Mrs. Whited graduated from Christopher Newport College (now University) in Newport News, VA, and taught sixth and eighth-grade students the subjects of reading and social studies for almost twenty years. Retiring in June 2005, they moved to their home state of WV, building their retirement home in the "Whited Woods" of Washington, WV. Sue and her husband are the parents of two sons, Ric and Bryan (deceased), and attend Fairlawn Baptist Church in Parkersburg, WV, where she is active in the music ministry, food pantry, and also directs the church's Vacation Bible School. Using their free time to travel and camp has been very enjoyable, as are frequent trips back to Virginia to visit family and friends.

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#### OCTOBER 29, 2015

One God, Two Voices Authors Bring Their Message of Hope to Teachers' Conference Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools Conference 2015
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, FL

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From the One God, Two Voices blog:

"This past week was a whirling blur as the Two Voices made their first appearance as authors at the Florida Association of Christian Colleges & Schools (FACCS) convention in Orlando, FL. We met some wonderful people as we handed out bookmarks and business cards, and discussed our book with some of the many people passing by our area. We shared the basic premises of our work: 'People are more alike than different, you can't judge a book by its cover, and Christians need to take a stand for God and His Word NOW to help return our country to the principles on which it was founded, and leave a positive legacy for our children'.

The highlight of the conference had to be reconnecting with a former eighth-grade student who had expressed interest in seeing us again. We had come full circle as one of our "kids" from the classroom came to encourage us as an adult.

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#### **Reviews**

"Your message touched my heart repeatedly as I read *One God: Two Voices*. As a retired educator and a Christian, I was so pleased two of my colleagues shared how teachers can spread the love and grace of our Lord inside and outside of the classroom. I know that God wanted to speak to me through new voices, and the two of you provided that opportunity. Your witness to Him is evident from the first word to the last. What an amazing feat.

I hope thousands and thousands of teachers read your book and are blessed by your witness and example as I was. It should be on every teacher's reading list. God bless you, my friends."

Sue Edwards, Retired Educator and Administrator

"I was unable to put the book down as it gives a new perspective on educators and the difficult, thankless job they perform day in and day out. Now throw in the fact that both authors are Christian educators with an even higher responsibility! The Two Voices tackle difficult subjects with their individual perspectives, and speak clearly on topics that those in the teacher's lounge and on the street will appreciate because they have discussed, vented, and shrugged their shoulders about them as well. You must own this book - it will open your eyes and change your heart!"

- David L. Hancock, Founder Morgan James Publishing

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#### **NOVEMBER 2015**

One God, Two Voices Authors Share Their Book at ODACS Conference Old Dominion Association of Christian Schools Conference 2015 Charlottesville, VA

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"Loved this book! This is an energizing resource for Christian educators working in the public schools today. Deidre and Sue have obviously been in the trenches and share wonderful perspectives and challenges for us to faithfully share God's love and truth in our school settings. I highly recommend this book, especially for relatively new public school teacher

- Joe Burks

"I just wanted to thank you for my very own copy of your book! I started reading it and couldn't put it down. Early Sunday morning, I woke up around 2:00 am and thought I would read a little more until I was ready to go back to sleep. I ended up finishing the entire book by about 5:00 am - need I say more? I really wondered what I might learn from a book by and for teachers since I am NOT a teacher, but I was intrigued to learn that you two were Christians and didn't mind saying so. Upon actually reading the book, I was proud of how you correlated every chapter with the Gospel. I found it to be very insightful and personally motivating. It is encouraging to know that there are Christians/Teachers like you out there. May God continue to bless the two of you as your 'Voices' reach others.

-Charnita Carmona, HC

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