

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

I believe that this scripture is one of the most misinterpreted scriptures when it comes to children. First of all, look at the very first word in this verse: Train. That's right, train. How many parents today actually train their children after they learn to use the potty? Most raise their children, but have no clue about training.

A hundred years ago, the child would grow up learning the family trade or business. The mother would nurture the child in their early years, but even as toddlers they had chores to help the family with. The father would then teach his children all that they would need to learn in order to one day take over the family business or to become a master craftsman. The children had continuous interaction all day long with every member of their family. Most of that has been lost since the Industrial Revolution. It was never God's design for the children to be raised outside of the home, especially when non-believers are raising Christian's children. Let's consider many young parents who take their children to church to learn about the Lord, to school to get an education, to the soccer field to get exercise and finally to a fast restaurant to get a meal. The TV and the game boys keep the kids occupied and if they have ADHD, the Ridelin keeps them calm.

Look at **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** with me, **"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! 5 "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; 7 and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 "And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 9 "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

If you are a parent or grandparent, then you have a responsibility to teach them daily about our Lord Jesus. This is not based on convenience or schedules, but it is actually a mandate set forth by our God. I believe that if we actually train our Children about Jesus, and can help develop a relationship with them and our Lord at an early age; that seed will take growth and they are far more inclined to follow the Lord for the rest of their lives. But if you are not doing everything in your power to develop that relationship with your kids and the Lord, then they are fair game out in this sinful world. The truth is that you Dad and Mom's have an incredible responsibility to God, to raise those kids in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The responsibility is yours to bear, and you will be the one to give an account for those children.

Trust me when I say that hell is bent on destroying your children, they need your prayers, your time, your wisdom and your love. If you have not been there for them up until now, ask the Lord to forgive you; and to empower you to train them as He would see fit. Give those kids the greatest gift of all time, a loving parent who loves Jesus Christ. Then watch and see what wonderful things the Lord will do with your children.