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Prov 22:6

Child Training: Getting to the Heart

Child training involves more than simply ‘outward obedience.’ Training must also reach the child’s heart, for we are all commanded to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. As parents, we must not only settle for outward compliance but work toward seeing our children have a personal awareness of their own responsibility toward God. They must become knowledgeable of God’s requirements and acquainted with His nature. If we as parents are only concerned with outward behavior, we may end up raising more of a Pharisee than a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The Child □ Left alone, he/she is in trouble.

- Ps 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.
- Ps 58:3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
- Rom 5:12-21 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
- Prov 22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
- Mark 7:20-22 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.... foolishness:

The Parent □ You’re in CHARGE!

Responsible before God

- Prov 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- Eph 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

God’s delegated Authority

- Children are to honor parents (Ex 20:12, Eph 6:2)
- Children are to obey parents (Eph 6:1, Col 3:20)

God promises great blessing for children who obey and honor their parents and great trouble for those who don’t.

A Godward Orientation □ Lifting His Standard’s High, Jesus Our Savior

As parents we must continually point our children to God by continually teaching them His Law (standards and requirements) and His promises.

His Law

- Rom 7, Gal 3:19-25 Shows us our sinful condition and our need for help.

His Promises

- Matt 1:21, John 3:16 Assures us that Jesus is our only help for victory over sin.