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“What it means to Train a Child in the way they should go”
Proverbs 22:6
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Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NASB)

1. Be the PERSON you want your children to BECOME.
Train up a child. . . .

♦ **Chanak (*khā-nak*)**: to train, to inaugurate; literally “palate” or “roof of the mouth” — used of a midwife putting her finger in a dish of dates and then massaging a baby’s mouth to stimulate the sucking reflex

FOUR EXAMPLES TO AVOID

• **Compromise your CHARACTER to Protect Yourself.**
Genesis 12:10-20; 20:1-17; 26:1-11; 27:1-30; 37:12-36

• **Pursue Prosperity at the EXPENSE of your Family.**
Genesis 13:1-13; 19:23-26; 30-38

• **SPOIL Your Children.** 1 Samuel 2-4

• **Neglect WORSHIP.** 1 Chronicles 26-28

2. Be a lifelong STUDENT of each of your Children.
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♦ **Peh (*peh*)** — עַל־פִּי : “mouth” but when used with an adjective can mean: “according to, release from the mouth, OR to bend the bow; according to the child’s ‘bent.’”

(a) Learn about the developmental stages of children.

(b) Become familiar with your child’s unique personality.

(c) Practice Active Listening.
(be sure to use the “homework” sheets to more fully understand each of these suggestions.)

3. Allow your children to be RESPONSIBLE for their choices.
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♦ **Zaqen (*zä-kān*)**: to become old; to begin to show age; fuzz on chin

♦ **Cuwr (*sür*)**: to “set aside, to come to an end.”

A PARENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING
THEY GIVE THEIR CHILD,
NOT FOR WHAT THE CHILD DOES WITH THAT TRAINING.
- ANONYMOUS