

BACKGROUND, UPBRINGINGS AND CHILDHOOD

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Proverbs 22:6

Proverbs 22:6 says, "*Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it.*" This scripture speaks volumes and it highlights multiple points in how people behave, think and feel.

Most times when people read this scripture they usually equate it to raising children in the ways of the Lord. This is the primary focus of this scripture. However, it speaks to other matters of behavioral issues. When you are looking at scripture you have to see **BEYOND** the words.

This kingdom law states a promise to parents who raise their children in the ways of the Lord. The promise of children never departing from God when they are raised

with Godly values is a **CROWN OF GLORY** on the parents head.

In the same breath, the scripture emphasizes a bitter truth for the children who are **NOT** raised in the ways of the Lord. That bitter truth is that children who are **NOT** raised in the ways of the Lord will most likely be lost forever. Parents who fail to raise their children in the ways of the Lord where a **CROWN OF THORNS**.

There is a chance that children can be a lost cause. It's not popular to mention but unfortunately, it's true. Whatever God does **NOT** guarantee has the propensity to be lost forever. Did God promise to protect children who are **NOT** brought under His covering? No.

Did God make a promise to have children come back to Him if they were not raised with Him? No. Here's a Kingdom law you must remember. **ANYTHING AND ANYONE THAT GOD HAS NOT PROMISED CANNOT BE PROTECTED!**

This is why as Kingdom citizens we live by the **PROMISES** of God. The promise is where we get our protection. 2nd Corinthians 1:20 says, "*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*"

HISTORY MATTERS

The way a person is brought up is a **HUGE** indicator of how they will end. It's not about the circumstances you were born into because people can change that with their decisions. It's not about your economic opportunities or the lack of, because you can change that by the work you decide to do.

What you were **TAUGHT** as a child will determine what you **BELIEVE** as an adult. Teaching instills values, promotes faith, molds behaviors and shapes thinking perspectives. If the Kingdom of God is **NOT** taught to children at an early age there is **NO** guarantee they will be saved when they get older.

WHAT YOU TEACH YOUR CHILD NOW WILL DETERMINE THEIR ULTIMATE DESTINY.

Parents are held accountable for how they raise their children. As parents, you have the opportunity to cover your children under God's promise or to remove them from God's promise. It all depends on what you teach them.

People are highly influenced by their upbringings and historical backgrounds. When all else fails, the nature of people is to rely on where they **STARTED**. In other words, people always go back to the basics of what they were taught as a child. This can be a positive or a negative, depending on the upbringing.

People who have a foundation of King Jesus will **ALWAYS** come back to Him eventually, even if they stray away for a moment. People without that foundation are questionable. Like anything in this world, we eventually return to the foundations of our childhood in some form.

A dog goes back to his vomit. People return to what's familiar when the new thing doesn't work out. Society returns to its foundation when it wants to reset the culture. In the Kingdom of God **HOW YOU START WILL DETERMINE WHERE YOU WILL FINISH.**

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