

Proverbs 22:6

A Promising Proverb

A proverb ...

I. Training Children

A. Parental Privilege

B. Under God

II. The Right Way

A. The Gospel Truth

B. The Whole Counsel of God

III. Has Lasting Impact

A. The Journey

B. And Beyond

... with promise.

Children, Listen ...

1. Who are the main people that are to teach you about the Lord?
2. Who else in your life teaches you the ways of the Lord?
3. Many people follow the wrong way of life. Where do we learn how to live for God?
4. Do people have to wait to be a certain age to trust in Jesus?

There is A Right Way

Some people like to say things like "we live in a day and age when people don't know right from wrong" – while many others say "there is no clear cut right and wrong" – and at the same time we are witnessing all around us evil being called good and good evil. The bottom line is that mankind can't get it right on his own, and neither will our children if left to their own devices. Things may be bad, and we are becoming an increasingly depraved society, but there is nothing new under the sun. Wrong ways of life have been fashionable since the fall and have done immeasurable damage and destroyed countless souls. But the right way of faith and life has also been taught from the beginning, and over time has been recorded for us in the Word of God. Children left to their own inclinations will crumble under the barrage of deception the world will pelt them with, so they need to be prepared to face the onslaught with a solid foundation. We cannot be ashamed to stand fast on the fact that there is a right religion and a right standard for morality which can only be found in the Bible. Since that is true, we cannot be timid when it comes to training our children. We may teach them many important things, but if we fail to lay the foundation of the Gospel in their lives and reinforce all the glorious truth found in Scripture, giving them tools for life, we have failed our children. This has to begin at home – it is the duty of parents, the church is here to help too, but in the end each child is responsible for how they receive the riches of wisdom from above. May God grant them grace to embrace the truth for a life lived to the glory of God.