

Sermon ~ Sunday, October 17, 2021, by Pastor, Dwight Benoit

Text: Proverbs 22: 6; Romans 2: 14, 15

Title: "The Way He Should GO?"

KJV ~ "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

ABT ~ "Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him to seek **GOD'S Wisdom** and **GOD'S Will**, for **HIS abilities** and *talents*], even when he is old he will not depart from it."

NLT ~ "Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it."

Question? Do you believe this? Is this reality?

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Since December 2019 to date, our *world's concern* has been, "the so many untimely deaths, due to COVID-19! The *need* for a Vaccine; the *need* to be Vaccinated; *Who* can, *who* can't, *Who* should? But most recent, the *world's concern* is the number of Homicides/Aggravated Robbery's by Juveniles (ages 12 to 17)...

Here's a Biblical nugget for Parents – Everyone knows "*right from wrong!*" (Romans 2: 14, 15) Romans 2: 14, "Even when *Gentiles* who do not have **GOD'S Written Law**, *instinctively* follow what **The Law** says, they show that *in* their hearts they know *right from wrong*."

V. 15, They demonstrate that **GOD'S Law** is written *within* them, for their own *conscience* either accuse them or tell them, they are doing what is right."

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He who thinks its easy to *bring up* a family, never had one of their own!

Thankfully, **GOD** has not left us '*to grope*' for advice for this *Exalted task*.

This verse along,

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

- *is not* a promise of blessing, because we are good (*godly*) parent(s).
- *is not* blanket guarantee, that all *your* efforts/sacrifices, will produce, *your* desired results.
- *is not* an encouragement, for us to pat ourselves on our backs and say, I did all I could, to *train up*, him, her, them, "*in the way he should go...*"

This verse along,

"Train up [a *child*] in the way he should go: and when *he* is old, *he* will not depart from it."

--Train up...the way he feels he should go... the way he wants to go... the way he follows others going... [Baby, what do you want to be when you grow up? My child is going to be a Doctor, Lawyer... Child, you don't want to be that, there isn't no money in that...]

This verse along, teaches if we stay the course, we will get just what we "train up" or worst!

This Proverb is a Warning sign. Warning signs are precautionary, design to prevent; to be aware of possible dangers, hazards ahead...

Remember our *text* is a Proverb: a short, wise experienced truth; a piece of advice.

[In the original Hebrew text, the words, "in the way he should go," is not found!]

This is a Proverb, and translated along,

"A child [young man], according to *his* way... even when *he* is old, will not depart from it."

**GOD, HIS WORD** never commands for "a *parent* to bow to the whims of a *child's* way."

This command is a *Warning* of a *child* left "*unparented*." And it must be understood, in light of the *context* [The Book of Proverbs], *not* just the *text* [Proverbs 22: 6]

Why? Proverbs points out "gravity: seriousness" and "depravity: moral corruption; wickedness" through very verse. For example. Don't end up as the *fool*...

--The *fool* is the individual who goes his *own way* in life...

"*Fools* think they need no advice, but the wise listen to others." (Proverbs 12: 15)

--A *fool* does things *his* way. He thinks *he* wiser in *his* own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly.

"Lazy people consider themselves smarter than seven wise counselors." (Proverbs 26: 16)

--The *fool* cannot receive reproof: disapproval, criticism for a fault.

"Only a *fool* despises a parent's discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise."  
(Proverbs 15: 5)

--A *fool* trusts *his* own way and heart, above **GOD**.

"Trust in **The LORD** with all *your* heart; do not depend on *your* own understanding.  
Seek **HIS Will** in all you do, and **HE** will direct your paths." (Proverbs 3: 5, 6)

Everything in Proverbs cries out, "Do not let yourself or your children follow their natural human inclination!"

"To *let go* and *let GOD*" in Proverbs would be *catastrophic*!

Proverbs teaches, "Let **GOD** and *let go*, of *your* way and following **HIM**, is best!

*Correction*, in Proverbs is **GOD'S** means of **G.R.A.C.E.** and *Mercy* for all...

"Discipline your children while there is hope. If you don't, you will ruin their lives."  
(Proverbs 19: 18)

**GOD** gave parents power to *deter* their children from *foolishness*...

"Physical punishment cleanses away evil; such discipline purifies the heart." (Proverbs 20:30)

Parental love means the *infliction of pain*...

"If you refuse to discipline *your* children, it proves you don't love them; if you love *your* children, you will be prompt to discipline them." (Proverbs 13: 24)

The child who gets his *own way* will end up a *living disgrace* to his family...

"To discipline and reprimand a child produces **Wisdom**, but a mother is *disgraced* by and undisciplined child." (Proverbs 29: 15)

Proverbs are design not just to make us **Wise** for sanctification (teaching us how to live); but also, to make us **Wise** for justification (by Faith in **JESUS CHRIST**, so we have *peace* with **GOD**); resulting in salvation (from *Eternal damnation* to *Eternal Glory*!)  
There is a Proverb; “a *boy* will keep the course *he* has begun; even when *he* grows old, *he* will not leave it.”

But **JESUS** said,

“Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see The KINGdom of GOD.” (John 3: 3)

“Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of *water* and of **The SPIRIT**, he cannot enter into **The KINGdom of GOD**.” (John 3: 5)

“Marvel not I say unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

**Calvary! Calvary!** *Every time I think about Calvary!!!*

So What?

- Pray *over* your children!
- Speak **The WORD of GOD** *over* your children!
- Monitor what *your* children watch and listen to!
- Pay attention to who they are friends with!
- Read the **WORD of GOD** to them!
- Teach them *HOW* to Pray, not just *TO* pray!
- Teach them *HOW* to be *THINKERS*, so they want be easily influenced!
- Them *HOW* to LOVE, according to **The BIBLE**. “*LOVE* is for the head, not just the bed!”
- Teach them what it means to **WORSHIP**, so they connect *with* **GOD** and **GOD** *with* them!

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