

Dedicated To Training

Proverbs 22:6

**Direct
A
Dedicated
Purpose**

- Proverbs 22:6 **Train up a child** in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

“train”

- *Hanak* (Hebrew)
 - 1) To **Restrict**: enforcing rules, setting guidelines and limits for the child's protection
 - 2) To **Train**: prepare for battle with conditioning and skill building
 - 3) To **Dedicate**: set apart for God's service

Establish A Dedicated Path

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“train”

- “*Ḥānāk* seems to include the idea of **setting aside, narrowing, or hedging in**. The word is sometimes used in the sense of ‘**start**.’ Child-training involves ‘**narrowing**’ a child’s conduct away from evil and toward godliness and starting him in the right direction.”
 - Walvoord & Zuck, editors, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 1:952

“in the
way he
should
go”

- Lit. “upon the mouth of his way”
= “in accord with”
- E.g. The servant carried out the orders “upon the mouth of” his master

“way”

- Which “way?”
- Vocational, moral, cultural?
- “Way” = The path of the wise (Proverbs)

Paul
David
Tripp

- “The foolishness inside your children is more dangerous to them than the temptation outside of them. Only God’s grace has the power to rescue fools.”

Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles That Can Radically Change Your Family (p. 123). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

Model A Dedicated Pattern

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- The Attitude Of **Loving God** (Mt 22:37-38; Dt 6:4-5)
- The Action Of **Serving Others** (Mt 22:39)
- The Attribute Of Living In **Integrity** (Gal 5:22; Heb 3:5)

Conclusion

- Initiate direction. Don't let our children be passively conformed to the world.
- Establish the path of godly wisdom.
- Steadfastly model loving God and others with our head, heart and hands.

Discussion

- What is the importance of modeling godly wisdom?
- Why is it important to distinguish the difference between a childish act and a foolish act before we correct?
- What do we do when we have tried to do all the right things but the child still rebels?