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even when he is old he will not depart from it.”**

Proverbs 22:6

English Standard Version





**Support, Shepherd,
and Send Out Our Kids**

HELPFUL CAVEATS

A principle, not a promise

cf. Prov. 16:7

Be careful not to measure parents by
their kids' choices

Isa. 1:2

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Big Idea

We can't save our kids or protect them from every danger, but we can give them momentum in the right direction.

A background image of a young child riding a bicycle, with an adult standing behind them, all in a purple-tinted, slightly blurred style. The child is wearing a helmet and a dark jacket. The adult is wearing a light-colored jacket. The scene is outdoors on a paved surface.

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MOMENTUM

What does “train” mean in Prov. 22:6?

Hanok — to “Dedicate” or “Start”

(Deut. 20:5; 1 Kings 8:63)

“to start the youth off with a strong and perhaps even religious commitment to a certain course of action” (B. Waltke)

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God will use our kids to spread the kingdom

Matt. 28:19

Satan will try and slow them down

1 Peter 5:8

Give them deeply ingrained training to revert to

James 1:21

A person in a military-style uniform is kneeling in a field of dry leaves. They are holding a rifle with a scope. The image is in a dark, muted green color scheme.

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CORRECTION

What is the “way” in Prov. 22:6?

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Literally, “Train up a child in his way”

Could mean:

- *“in a way that fits the child”*
- *“Start them off getting their own way, and they’ll always think that way!”*

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CORRECTION

Our children need correction

Prov. 22:15

Our job isn't to give them *their* way

Judg. 21:25b

Our job is to narrow their way, pointing to God

Eph. 6:4b



DIRECTION

How do we apply Prov. 22:6?

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

English Standard Version



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DIRECTION



**Stable
Foundations**



**Shepherding
& Shaping**



**Sending
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