**Text: Proverbs 22:6** **(KJV)**

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

**“To Train” Definition**

The verb translated "train" (*chanak*)means, first, "to put something into the mouth," "to give to be tasted," as nurses give to infants food which they have masticated in order to prepare it for their nurslings; thence it comes to signify "to give elementary instruction," "to instill," "to train."

The Hebrew literally is, ***Initiate*** *a child in accordance with his way.* "His way" must mean one of two things—either his future calling and station, or his character and natural inclination and capacity.

**Our Children’s Souls Need Us:**

1. Loving Them Like Jesus Loved Them
2. Teaching Them to Love the Bible
3. Training Them with Time and Effort

**Point #1: Loving Them Like Jesus Loved Them**

* Mark 10:13-14 (NAS)
* Mathew 7:9-11 (KJV)

**Mark 10:13-14 (NAS)**

[13](http://www.studylight.org/desk/?q=mr%2010:13&t1=en_nas&sr=1) And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. [14](http://www.studylight.org/desk/?q=mr%2010:14&t1=en_nas&sr=1) But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

**Mathew 7:9-11 (KJV)**

[9](http://www.studylight.org/desk/?q=mt%207:9&t1=en_kjv&sr=1) Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? [10](http://www.studylight.org/desk/?q=mt%207:10&t1=en_kjv&sr=1) Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? [11](http://www.studylight.org/desk/?q=mt%207:11&t1=en_kjv&sr=1) If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

**Point #2: Teaching Them to Love the Bible**

* Psalms‬
* Ephesians 6:4 (KJV)
* Deuteronomy 4:9 (NKJV)

**Psalms‬**

**1** O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying,
**2** for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past— **3** stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us.
**4** We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation
about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.
**5** For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, **6** so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. **7** So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.
**8** Then they will not be like their ancestors— stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.

**Ephesians 6:4 (KJV)**

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

**Deuteronomy 4:9 (NKJV)**

"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

**Point #3: Training Them with Time and Effort**

* Proverbs 22:15 (KJV)
* Titus 2:3-4 (ASV)
* Psalms 71:5 & 17 (NAS)
* Psalm 34:11 (KJV)

**Proverbs 22:15 (KJV)**

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

**Titus 2:3-4 (ASV)**

[3](http://www.studylight.org/desk/?q=tit%202:3&t1=en_kjv&sr=1) The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; [4](http://www.studylight.org/desk/?q=tit%202:4&t1=en_kjv&sr=1) That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

**Psalms 71:5 & 17 (NAS)**

[5](http://www.studylight.org/desk/?q=ps%2071:5&t1=en_nas&sr=1) For You are my hope; O Lord God, *You are* my confidence from my youth.

[17](http://www.studylight.org/desk/?q=ps%2071:17&t1=en_nas&sr=1) O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds.

**Psalm 34:11 (KJV)**

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**Conclusion ~ Jerimiah 17:7-10 (NLT)**

**5** This is what the Lord says: "Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord. **6** They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land. **7** "But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. **8** They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought.
Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit. **9** "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? **10** But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."

**RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FAITH:**

**1. HEAR the GOSPEL ~ Romans 10:17**

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

**2. BELIEVE ~ Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

**3. REPENT ~ Luke 13:3**

I tell you nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish.

**4. CONFESS ~ Matthew 10:32-33**

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

**5. BE BAPTIZED ~ Acts 22:16**

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

**6. BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH ~ Revelation 2:10**

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.