A Closer Look at Proverbs 22:6

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INTRODUCTION

- Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. **(Proverbs 22:6)**
- A lot of people go to this verse and see it as a guarantee and a promise from God. The question is that right?
- I want to take a closer look at Proverbs 22 and verse number 6 and see what it really means. **(Proverbs 22:6)**

1. It Is Not a Guarantee

- Raising kids is not like doing math equations.
- It is a proverb.
- Proverbs are short sayings about the best way to live life. They are short sayings or statements that are full of wisdom, and they are generally true. **(Proverbs 10:27; Proverbs 12:21; Proverbs 21:23)**
- Righteous people can raise wicked kids (Ezekiel 18). **(Ezekiel 18)**
- God gives all people free will. **(Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Joshua 24:15)**
- Sons I have reared and brought up, but they have revolted against me. **(Isaiah 1:2)**

2. It Is a Call to Great Responsibility

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4–6

- When Solomon speaks of the way to go here, he's speaking of God's way.
- We've been given the task of training our children to serve the Lord.
- We got to train our children on how to behave themselves with reverence for God in the worship assembly.
- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might. **(Deuteronomy 6:5)**
- We first have to model. We have to be an example of what it means to love the Lord.
- Training our children in the ways of the Lord also involves discipline.

3. It Is a Source of Encouragement

- When he is old, he will not depart from it. **(Proverbs 22:6)**
- If we start doing this training early, raising our children in the way they should go, that generally pays off.
- It is worth doing everything we're doing right now.
- It is intended to both challenge godly parents and encourage us to never give up on trying to raise our kids to serve the Lord.

THE CHALLENGE

The most important thing we could ever do for them is help give them back to the Lord.

MY NOTES