

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



Culture, environment, and home influence and control our behavior. You cannot understand nor do what you have never learned or observed. Children are information sponges and whatever they see and hear dribbles out of them. Eventually, sin nature takes over and without an introduction to the Lord Jesus Christ they are destined to end up however they are trained. Training does not have to be intentional or structured. Children of alcoholics and criminals will grow up to do the same unless taught different. We all inherit the same weaknesses our parents had, but we do not have to make the same bad decisions. The world is full of those who had unrighteous parents and did well. If your only excuse is, "That's all I know!" it's your own fault. Libraries are free and good churches open every Sunday! Bad economy and wicked laws have destroyed the home and Satan has substituted dysfunctional for normal. There is not one show on TV that has Godly parents. The modern parent believes the lie that they have to first be friends with their child to be able to teach them or just send them to public school. It is really interesting that prison inmates learn the rules without the guard's friendship. You must obey and enforce the rules to teach the rules! We must obey God's Word if we are to teach it; else our words become mere rhetoric. We can't be God's friend if we do not obey His Word. Jesus said, "*Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.*" You cannot be a child's friend until they obey. Is a cop your friend if you break the law? Maybe, but you'll still get a ticket. "*God so loved the world,*" but He will still destroy the wicked. "*God is angry with the wicked every day! The wicked shall be turned into hell and ALL the nations (USA?) that forget God. He is not willing that any should perish,*" but the unrepentant will still go to the Lake of Fire. Without the rules of the road, yellow lines would have no meaning. No one would be safe or get anywhere. Without traffic lights, intersections would be death traps! If there is not first a righteous rule of law, there is no liberty or freedom. If you have not instilled reverence for God's authority in a child by age five, they will be an unmanageable and willful child. Go to any supermarket and wait. Sooner or later you will witness a scenario that proves my point. If you want your child to obey you, teach them to obey God and lead by example.

Our children come and then they grow,
We must instruct them how to go,
The God of heaven they must know,
The Light of Truth we must them show. ~CGP

You alone are responsible for the consequences of your choices. You can't blame Mom, Dad or teacher for your bad decisions. They are not the only source of knowledge. "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.*" If you don't fear God, you will never have any wisdom. Get a copy of God's Word, the Bible*, and read it for yourself!

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5 KJV

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*I use the King James Version exclusively.