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Proverbs 22 : 6

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

‘chanak’ (h) – properly to narrow, figuratively to discipline

To exercise; to discipline; to teach and form by practice

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II Timothy 3 : 16

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God...for instruction in righteousness...”

‘paideia’ – tutorage, that is, education or training; by implication disciplinary correction; the whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment)

‘paideuo’ - to train up a child, that is, educate

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‘musar’ (ח) - properly chastisement; figuratively reproof, warning or instruction; discipline, chastening, correction

Proverbs 1 : 1 – 8

What is the purpose of the Proverbs?

“To know wisdom and instruction...to receive the instruction...”

Who is Solomon’s audience and what is his purpose?

“My son, hear the instruction of your father...”

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‘musar’ (h) – Is used 50 times in the book of Proverbs.

Musar is discipline, but more. As "discipline" it teaches how to live correctly in the fear of the Lord, so that the wise man learns his lesson before temptation and testing

Careful attention to "instruction" brings honor, life, and wisdom, and above all it pleases God

The receptivity for "instruction" from one's parents, teacher, the wise, or the king is directly corollary to one's subjugation to God's discipline

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How do we instruct, educate, train up our children?

Through God's word – instruction in righteousness

Proverbs 4 : 1 – 13

“Hear...the instruction...your steps will not be hindered...you will not stumble...”

“...lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us...” Hebrews 12 : 1

Proverbs 8 : 10 – 11

“...instructions...knowledge...rather than silver...gold...”

What have we made valuable to our children?

“...a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.”

Proverbs 13 : 1; 15 : 5

“A wise son heeds his father's instructions...”

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What example do we show our children? How are we training them?

Fathers – How are you showing your children what a spiritual leader is suppose to be?

Are you the spiritual leader of your home?

Do you study together?

Do you pray together?

Do you discuss life and how decisions can affect our souls?

Mothers – Do you support your family, does your husband trust in you fully, does he have no lack of gain? Do your children rise and call you blessed?

Or, is the word of God blasphemed by your actions?

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By our example

John 13 : 15

“I have given you an example...”

Philippians 3 : 17

“Brethren, join in following my example...”

I Timothy 4 : 12

“...be an example...”

I Corinthians 4 : 16; 11 : 1

“Imitate me”

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What example do we show our children? How are we training them?

Fathers – What do you want for your daughters? What do you expect of your son?

Are you showing them by our example to your wife?

Mothers – How are you teaching your daughter to be the wives, mothers, and proper homemakers they are to be? How are you teaching your sons what to look for in a wife?

Are you showing them by your own life?

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It's time to make the change

Stop saying God is first in your life. Make Him first!

Stop saying you're going to be better, show a better example.
Be one!