

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

Child Training: What, When & Where

I) What is training?

Defining terms:

Teach- ¹To instruct; to inform; to communicate to another the knowledge of that of which he was before ignorant. ²To show; to exhibit so as to impress on the mind.

Chastise- To correct by punishing; to punish; to inflict pain by strips, or in other manner, for the purpose of punishing an offender and recalling him to duty.

Train- The process by which the one being trained is caused to show the results of the training.

Train in Hebrew Translated dedicate in every other OT passage where it is used.

Dedicate- to renew, inaugurate, to initiate.

We must start our children on the direction they are to go. We must not allow him/her to go down the path their nature or inclination would dictate they go.

Hebrew root word to make narrow, to strangle.

We must restrict the path our children may follow. We must not wait for them to choose their own way of life, but we place them on the path they are to follow. When they are old they will not depart.

II) When to Train?

He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Prov 13:24

*The earlier, the better. Don't wait until you can reason with children. By then, they'll have you well trained.

III) Where to Train?

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deut 6:7

*Train at home. Everywhere else is 'game time'.