

**Dear Church: Twisted Scripture Part 3**  
**Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child**  
**A Bible study for individuals, groups or classes**

**Background scripture:**

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

**Podcast Sections:**

00:19 Scriptures can have their meanings twisted  
01:48 How this verse is usually understood  
03:09 Proverbs can be difficult because they often lack context  
07:33 Discussion of children who are rebellious  
07:58 Proverbs as a principle, as opposed to a promise  
11:06 Christians are to hand down their faith to their children  
13:22 Meaning of “train”  
15:18 Congregations also help in raising children  
19:18 Parents have a responsibility to train up their children  
20:10 Children get their first impression of God from their parents  
22:50 At some point, we have individual responsibility for our own understanding of God  
29:45 Honoring parents and God  
33:25 Understanding the context of Proverbs (conclusions)

**Discussion questions:**

1. Do you agree that Proverbs should be taken as principles as opposed to promises?
2. How should Christians approach a study of Proverbs since the verses may lack context (discussed at 03:09)?
3. Based on the Bible, how can parents raise their children properly?
4. How does having “bad” parents affect one’s ability to know and love God?
5. How does discipline tie in with training a child (see Hebrews 12 passage below)?

**Scriptures related to this study**

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Isaiah 1:2 (referenced at 07:32)

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: "Children[a] have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me.

Proverbs 16:7 (referenced at 08:40)

When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Ephesians 6:1-3 (referenced at 21:48 and 31:02)

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

Hebrews 12:7-11

7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.