

**“Train up a child in the way he should go”**

**Pro 22:6**

**Physical?** *Little emphasis* **1Tim 4:8**

**Mental** *Read with understanding* **Pro 1:1-2a,3**

**Thinking** *discerningly* **Pro 1:2b,4**

**Moral** **Pro 8:6,9** *What is right & why*

**Spiritual** **Pro 1:7; Gen 1:1,26; 2:16** *Who are you? Purpose in life? Afterlife?*

# Children **CAN** be trained

“Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; **The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.**” **Pro 22:15**

“Do not withhold correction from a child, For if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. **You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell.**” **Pro 23:13-14 NKJV**

“**The rod and reproof give wisdom**, but a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.” **Pro 29:15**

# Children **SHOULD** be trained

**Love** - “He who withholds his rod **hates** his son, But he who **loves** him disciplines him diligently.” **Pro 13:24** NAS95

**Wisdom** - “**Correct** your son, and he will give you comfort; He will also delight your soul.” **Pro 29:17**

“**Discipline** your son while there is hope, and **do not desire his death.**” **Pro 19:18**  
“and **let not thy soul spare for his crying.**”

KJV

# Potential & limits of training children

“Train ... not depart ...” **Pro 22:6**

*General principles*

## **Guidebook to Training:**

**“The testimony of the LORD is **sure**,  
making wise the simple.” **Psa 19:7****

# ***Most powerful influence...?***

## **God's Word in their hearts!**

**“These words...shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons” Dt 6:6-9**

**“read this law ... assemble the ... children ... that they may hear and learn and fear ... God, and be careful to observe all the words of this law.” Dt 31:12-13**

**“He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children...that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God ... keep His commandments”**

**Ps 78:5-8**

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**“I am mindful of the **sincere faith** within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.” **2Tim 1:5****

**“from childhood you have known **the sacred writings** **which are able** to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and **profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness**” **2Tim 3:15-16****

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**“This is the victory that has overcome the world—OUR FAITH”! 1Jn 5:4-5**

**“FAITH comes by hearing ... the word of God.” Rom 10:17**

- **Teach them to read the Bible**
- **Read TO THEM**
- **Family exercise...?**
- **Example - your OWN reading of God's Word!**