

What Would You Do?

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Proverbs 22:6

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

Thesis: what are we teaching our children?

Introduction:

- A) Train up a child in the way he should go . . . and go there yourself once in a while.” —Anonymous
- B) Luke 2:40-52
 - 1) Jesus grew
 - 2) Parents took him to Jerusalem for the Pass...
 - 3) Parents left Jesus on accident
 - 4) Thought he was with cousins or friends
 - 5) After a days journey they look for him
 - 6) They travel to Jerusalem
 - 7) They find him after 3 days
 - 8) He was in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, listening and asking questions.
 - 9) All were astonished...
 - 10)Mother asks “why?”
 - 11)Jesus answers, “vs 49”
 - 12)And they travel home.
- C) I’m going to speak to the teenagers for a moment.
 - 1) A lot of you are in college, will be graduating soon, or maybe lets say your parents go out of town...
 - 2) What would you do?
 - a) You could do whatever you want
 - b) No one would ever know
 - 3) Now suppose your parents stop in to visit, or come home early...”What Would You Be Doing?”

Discussion:

I) Would they find you helping your neighbor?

- A) Luke 6:31
- B) James 1:27

II) Would they find you sitting around gossiping with your friends?

- A) 1tim 4:12

- B) Heb 3:15
- C) 1pet 1:15
- D) Rom 1:29-32

III) Would they find you studying for school? What about your Bible?

- A) 1Pet 3:15
- B) 2 Timothy 2:15
- C) 2Pet 3:18

IV) Would they find you praying?

- A) 1Thes 5:17
- B) 1Pet 5:7
- C) When Jesus was troubled who did he go to?
- D) When Jesus was tempted what did he use to overcome the temptation?

Parents:

- A) The answer to all these questions is simple.
 - 1) Your children will be doing what you taught them to do by word or action.
 - 2) Proverbs 22:6
 - 3) Now this is not a full proof plan...some will rebel until their last day.
 - 4) Look at the prodigal son... he went away into sin and came back.
- B) What are we teaching our children to do?
 - 1) Some sin we look at and say well its not that bad and so later on down the road that child becomes confused.
 - 2) And other sins we might be teaching inadvertently through our actions.
- C) So, what have your actions taught your children lately?
 - 1) To be unkind to your neighbors?
 - 2) That watching TV is more important than knowing and studying your Bible?
 - 3) That praying is a once a day thing?
 - 4) To dress immodestly?
 - 5) To speak sinful things?
 - 6) To obey the gospel?
 - 7) To be faithful to God?