Train them up!

1. Children are a reflection of the home – Prov. 20:11
   1. Proper training involves diet and exercise – 1 Cor. 9:26-27
   2. Can’t teach what you don’t know – Prov. 4:3-4; Eccl. 10:10
      1. Don’t be blind –Mt 15:14
2. A Parents responsibility – Eph. 6:4; Prov. 1:8-9
   1. Lack of instruction destroys – Prov. 5:23; Hos. 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”
   2. Teach in the way of the Lord
      1. Content – Prov. 1:2-7
      2. Purpose – Prov. 2:1-11; 3:3-8
      3. Duration – Prov. 23:22; 1 Sam 3:12-13
      4. Practice what you “preach” - Prov. 24:32; 4:11b
   3. Teach in the ways of the world
      1. Respect and obey ALL authority - Prov. 24:21a; Rom 13:1-5
      2. Good work ethic - Prov. 22:29; 27:2, 21; 6:6-11; 13:4; Col.3:23; Eccl. 3:2-8
      3. Financial responsibility - Prov. 3:9-10; 6:1-11; 22:26-27
   4. Motivate in the way
      1. Encourage – 2 Chr. 35:1-2
         1. H4148 - From H3256; properly *chastisement*; figuratively *reproof*, *warning* or *instruction*; also *restraint: -* bond, chastening ([-eth]), chastisement, check, correction, discipline, doctrine, instruction, rebuke.
      2. Nurture – Eph. 6:4
         1. G3809 - From G3811; *tutorage*, that is, *education* or *training*; by implication disciplinary *correction:* - chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture.
            1. Translated “instruction” in 2 Tim 3:16
      3. Discipline
         1. Preventive –Prov. 19:18; 27:5; 23:13-14; 29:15
         2. Punitive – Prov. 23:13-14; 13:24
            1. Only Control your anger – Prov. 15:1; Psa. 6:1; 38:1; Prov. 14:29
         3. Corrective – Prov. 22:15; 3:12
      4. Mercy
         1. Forgiveness – Prov. 3:3; 20:28; 28:13
         2. Reward – Luke 11:11-12; Prov. 24:14; 24:20
         3. Try, try again – Prov. 24:10; Col 3:21; Eccl. 11:9-10
      5. Because we are the shadow and example of Christ with the church – Eph. 5:23-33; 1 Tim 3:4-5
3. Children Obey Your Parents in the Lord – Eph. 6:1-3
   1. Don’t hate instruction – Prov. 5:9-14; 1:20-33;
   2. Hear the instruction – Prov. 4:1-4; 5:7; Col. 3:20
   3. Refuse to go astray – Prov. 10:17; Prov. 4:10-13;
   4. Develop a Love of knowledge/instruction – Prov. 12:1; 1:7;
      1. Seek wisdom – James 1:5; Eccl. 7:25;
      2. Avoid dangers:
         1. Path of the wicked – Prov. 1:10-19; 2:12-15
         2. Immoral women – Prov. 2:16-22; 7:1-5, 21-23
4. Apply wisdom to your heart
   1. Prov. 23:12; Luke 6:45 “The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”
   2. Swift to hear slow to speak – James 1:19-20; Prov. 29:11
5. Two possible outcomes
   1. Wise son
      1. Listen to council in latter days – Prov. 19:20; 16:31;
         1. 2 Tim 3:14-15 Timothy’s childhood prepared him
      2. Prudent and smart – Prov. 16:20-21; 10:1
      3. Consider their ways – Prov. 24:30-32
   2. Foolish
      1. Despise instruction – Prov. 15:5; 18:2
      2. Brings shame – Prov. 17:21
      3. Destined for the 2nd death – Prov. 1:22-29; Rom 3:10-18; Rev 21:8