

INFLUENCING YOUR CHILDREN

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Views concerning Proverbs 22:6		
Never true	Usually true	Always true
Emotional response: Fear & / anger	Emotional response: Hope & insight	Emotional response: Failure & guilt
A problem	A Proverb	A promise

How do we influence our children?

I. Draw your lines!

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Thoughts:

- Lines that are Biblical
- Lines that are reasonable → that make sense
- Lines that are easily transferrable

Why? Why not?

“Interracial dating”

Beards:

Leviticus 21:5 They shall **not** make baldness upon their head, **neither** shall they shave off the corner of their beard, **nor** make any cuttings in their flesh.

Leviticus 19:27 Ye shall **not** round the corners of your heads, **neither** shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.

Your lines = lines that you practice / assume

II. Cast your vision!

Proverbs 22:6 Train up (תִּנְחֵם) a child in the way **he should go**: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Deuteronomy 20:5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not **dedicated** (הִקְדִּישׁוּ) it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man **dedicate** (יִקְדֹּשׁ) it.

1 Kings 8:63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel **dedicated** (וַיִּקְדֹּשׁוּ) **the house of the LORD** (אֶת־בַּיִת יְהוָה).

2 Chronicles 7:5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people **dedicated** (וַיִּקְדֹּשׁוּ) **the house of God** (אֶת־בַּיִת־יְהוָה הַהֵלֶלִים).

John 10:22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

This verse has **two parts**:

Parameters	Direction / specific direction
Morals	Mission
Commandments	Calling
Path	Purpose

Parents can help much through the vision they cast of possibilities, success, future....

This cannot be too specific

III. Practice the faith!

2 Timothy 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother **Lois**, and thy mother **Eunice**; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

2 Timothy 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, **2 Timothy 3:11** Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

2 Timothy 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; **2 Timothy 3:15** And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Thoughts:

- Children don't expect perfection
- Children quite easily survive idiosyncrasies
- Children even adjust to sin
- Children don't do well with unadulterated fakes

IV. Tell your stories!

Exodus 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance **forever**.

Exodus 12:24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons **forever**.

Exodus 12:25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. **Exodus 12:26** And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

Exodus 12:27 That ye shall say, **It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover**, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

Joshua 4:4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: **Joshua 4:5** And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, **and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: Joshua 4:6** That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones?

Joshua 4:7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: **and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever**.

Joshua 4:20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

Joshua 4:21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, **When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? Joshua 4:22** Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. **Joshua 4:23** For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: **Joshua 4:24** That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: **that ye might fear the LORD your God forever**.

V. Love & enjoy your children!