



**"A Godly Home Guarantees your Children will
Eventually Become Christ Followers?"**

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Where does this idea come from?

Prov 22:6

*Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.
KJV he will not depart from it.*

→ What We Think It Says:

**"If we *raise* a child *correctly*, even *if he strays* from God,
he will *come back* to God *eventually*."**

→ What does It Actually Say?

1st) This is a proverb, not a promise!

A Proverb describe the way life usually works.

They are not a blanket universal / no exceptions statement.

A promise is the **way God** always responds.

other English versions

Prov 22:6 **(THE MESSAGE)**

Point your kids in the right direction — when they're old they won't be lost.

Prov 22:6 **(New Living Translation)**

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Prov 22:6 **(TEV)**

Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life.

2nd) Even if you did believe it is a promise not a proverb what does it actually say? That if you raised Him right he'll come back?

Prov 22:6

*Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old (bearded – puberty) he will **not turn from it**.*
It doesn't say anything about leaving the faith and coming back.

Why bother you with busting the myth that Pro 22:6 is a guaranteed promise? Because myths, Legends & lies about God and Scripture are always destructive. How so with this?

→ It produces unreasonable guilt, foolish pride, and a false sense of hope..

WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS:

→ Rebellion happens even in the best of environments.

Genesis 1-3 was a perfect environment

Ezek 18:1-2

The word of the Lord came to me: 2 "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

*"The fathers eat sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge'?*

3"As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. 4 For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son — both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die...

20 *The soul who sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous man will be credited to him, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against him.*

Jer 2:1-2

The word of the Lord came to me: 2 "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem:

*"I remember the devotion of your youth,
how as a bride you loved me
and followed me through the desert...*

5 This is what the Lord says:

"What fault did your fathers find in me,

*that they strayed so far from me?
They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.*

Jer 2:13

*"My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.*

Isa 1:2-3

*Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth!
For the Lord has spoken:
"I reared children and brought them up,
but they have rebelled against me.
3 The ox knows his master,
the donkey his owner's manger,
but Israel does not know,
my people do not understand."*

Isa 5:3-4

*"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
4 What more could have been done for my vineyard
than I have done for it?
When I looked for good grapes,
why did it yield only bad?"*

Mic 6:2-3

*For the Lord has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.
3 "My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? Answer me.*

Jer 2:29-30

*"Why do you bring charges against me?
You have all rebelled against me ,"
declares the Lord.
30 "In vain I punished your people;
they did not respond to correction.*

Matt 23:37-39

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those
sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together,
as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.*

38 Look, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

→ **Everyone is responsible for their own actions.**

→ **We have a lot of influence – we don't have any power.**

We have an incredible amount of influence for good and bad. But we don't the power to make others choices.

Prov 21:30-31

There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.

31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.

Solomon to his son Rehoboam who is going to become king says, "God's will is going to be done."

All you can do is *prepare the horse for the battles* that you are going to have to engage in. But ultimately *whether you win or loose is up to God*.

When I stand before God – as a parent / spouse / friend... "I'm not going to be held responsible for outcome but for how well I prepared the horses because I can't control the outcome.

You can increase your odds of success

→ **Maintain a healthy Marriage.**

1. It make a child feel secure to see mom and dad in love.
2. It models a healthy marriage for them to emulate.
3. Those suckers will be out of the house before you know it and you better not have grown apart because you were so focused on the kids and not the "oneness" that is a marriage.

→ **Model what you hope to get.**

Values are more caught than taught.

→ **Adapt to your childs unique world and make-up.**

**How to mess up your child –
3 things you can do to influence your child for the worse:**

→ **Be unreasonably strict.**

Eph 6:4 *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

Col 3:21 *Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.*

→ **Defend them – make excuses for them...** even when they're wrong.

1 Samuel 2:22-25 & 3:12-13 –

→ **Be a hypocrite** – even a secret hypocrite.