

COUNTER CULTURAL

Train Up a Child — Proverbs 22:6

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I. KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT...A CHILD

- Parenting begins with an understanding of the doctrine of man.
- The intentions of a man are evil from his youth (Genesis 8:21).
- We were conceived in sin (Psalm 51:5).
- Psalm 58:3-5; Romans 3:10-18

II. KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING...TRAINING

- Requires constant diligence and effort.
- Requires discipline (Proverbs 22:15; Hebrews 12:5-11).
- We are training in the form of lessons.
- We are training in the form of liturgies (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).
- Parenting is not just about teaching what to know, but also about guiding them toward what to love.
- We are not so much concerned about them knowing 'who' they are, but rather 'whose' they are.

III. KNOW THE BLESSING THAT THEY ARE

- Psalm 127:3-5
- "Children are not an 'end' to the good things of life, but an 'and' to the good things of life." —Christopher Kaczor

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

1. What is something your parents did really well in raising you?
2. Why does parenting seem so difficult at times?
3. What are some things that you need to do a better job of with your kids? If your kids are already grown, what would you do differently?
4. What is one piece of advice you would give to parents? Even if you are single or do not have kids, what is one thing you would recommend based on observation or your own experience.
5. Why are we so hesitant in our culture to recognize the doctrine of original sin as it pertains to our children?
6. What are keys to good discipline?