
Subject: "..and when he is old,he will not depart from it."

Posted by [james](#) on Fri, 16 May 2008 00:00:11 GMT

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I want to open a dialogue concerning observations I have made throughout my christian walk, and especially now in this present time, as to the way so many children of "the faith message" have turned out. And first let me say that I have no children, so this is observation not experience speaking, yet very close observation. I use the scripture Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is OLD, he will NOT depart from it." I'm sure all parents who love God and want to obey Him and want their children to "turn out well" claim this verse and repeat it to themselves more than once as they watch the developement of their children through the years.

I have read the postings here and on facnet from quite a few "FA Kids" who are now grown up(at least physically), and are walking on the "wild side, so to speak" or to be more specific, their hearts have departed from THE LIVING GOD. I also have witnessed first hand the lives of ministers children who have turned out(to this point anyway)to be as ungodly as people can get. And almost, with very few exceptions, they all are bitter, angry at God, and blame HEF and FA. Now I am aware that there were some head cases raising children, and I believe that some were subject to abuse and unstable parents. That being said, I believe that God's Word is true always, everytime, forever. So are we to just be patient and longsuffering with them? You know, kinda like God was with those of us who might have put our parents through the same things or worse? I know I departed a long way from the teachings of Jesus that my mother pounded into me as a child, yet at God's appointed time I repented and turned to Him, by His grace. I know kids who are no longer kids, whose lives and actions break my heart, and all I know to do is live my life as an example of Christ before them, speak the truth in love,and pray that the admonition given in Proverbs will come to fruition in their lives. So I'm thinking that the key is 1. "If" they were trained in the WAY they should go. 2. And letting God decide when is "OLD".

I guess reading all the postings of these young people and seeing their rebellion, pain, anger, disrespect, bitterness, caused me to reflect on God's promises as to a solution or a way to reach them. I know that bashing them over the head with The Word or debating scripture with them is only going to make their backs bow up more. So how's about those of us that are "more spiritually mature" start showing it by joining in with their parents and claiming this bibical principle for their lives.

Subject: Re: "..and when he is old,he will not depart from it."

Posted by [james](#) on Mon, 02 Jun 2008 13:13:00 GMT

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After a couple of weeks looks like there's not much interest in this subject, so maybe The Lord put it on my heart to "pray" about instead of "say" about, O.K. Then! lesson learned...

Subject: Re: "..and when he is old,he will not depart from it."
Posted by [william](#) on Mon, 02 Jun 2008 18:19:27 GMT
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Hi James,

Your note was thought provoking so don't think the lack of response was due to a lack of interest. This is an issue that to my mind hasn't been adequately addressed. However, since so many fall into that category I do think a frank discussion is in order.

It is hard to speak specifically since most of us have children who fall into the category you mentioned... or to say it delicately -- children who haven't embraced the faith wholeheartedly.

But a general discussion is certainly in order!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: "..and when he is old,he will not depart from it."
Posted by [james](#) on Tue, 03 Jun 2008 14:04:59 GMT
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Yeah William, I can see where this could be a sensitive topic of discussion. While I don't have children of my own, I am believing with my mother for my siblings salvation. I think for me, the concern involves not so much younger people living in sin, but rather the extreme bitterness and anger directed toward their upbringing in "the faith walk" and HEF/FA. And we know, from past experiences, that "you can lead a horse to water, but ya can't make him drink". May The Lord Jesus comfort all the hearts of you parents who are believing God and holding fast to The Word for your children, grown or not. There were some remarks made as to the way "FAITH ASSEMBLY" folks talked "back in the day", saying one thing and meaning another. Such as "God is faithful" meaning we didn't have what we had claimed, but it was our job to say it anyway, though it looked hopeless, and wasn't in our heart(faith)...WELL...GOD IS FAITHFUL...The ONLY question is: are we? I just checked, Mk.11:22-24 is still in there, and I'm banking on it being true..."Have FAITH in GOD"... "PRAY"... "BELIEVE that ye receive"... "and YE SHALL HAVE".
