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CHILD DEDICATION

*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.*
Proverbs 22:6

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING

SMART AND BEING WISE?

- Being Smart or Intelligent is simply KNOWING a lot of STUFF
- Being WISE is having a masterful understanding of LIFE, and expertise in good DECISION-MAKING

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

I. THE HEBREW VIEW

- The literal Hebrew translation is: *Dedicate a child in the way of his mouth and when his is old he will not turn aside from it*
- The word *train* doesn't refer to teaching, but instead refers to dedication or CONSECRATION
- *In The Way of His Mouth* → Train up our children with the RIGHT APPETITES

II. TODAY'S VIEW (PARENTS)

- You have a **RESPONSIBILITY** as a parent (Ephesians 6:4)
- You have **INFLUENCE** as a parent (Ephesians 5:1-2)
- You will have **RESULTS** – either Good or Bad – as a parent

III. WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

- Child Dedications: Next Sunday, August 28th
- Parents: Show your children these three things:
 - How to **TALK** to God
 - How to **WAIT** on God
 - How to **OBEY** God
- Kids: If this wasn't modeled for your parents, please be **PATIENT** with them



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