

**Train Up a Child**

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

We recognize these familiar words to be those recorded by King Solomon; who was among the wisest of all men. The holy scriptures testify of his, God given, wisdom as we read in *1Kings 4:29-30*, *“And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. And Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.”* One must marvel at the great grace of God when we pause to consider that he preserved the words of our text for our learning and spiritual benefit. Our God surely loves his children and wants to train them in the ways of truth and righteousness for his name’s sake. If God then, has such a love for us, should we not also have the same love and concern for the children he has blessed us with?

It is good for parents of little children to begin to teach them early in the ways of our Lord. Young ones are more easily taught because they have an eagerness to learn. They have not yet become erroneously opinionated and therefore they welcome the opportunity to learn. How important then that we, as parents, not only instruct these little ones but also lead by our example. Children observe their parent’s conduct very closely and will commonly follow their example. May God give Christian parents both the desire and strength to set a good example for these innocent little ones. It is imperative that children see in mother and father a truly sincere desire to lead Godly lives and the joy of being a Christian. If parents appear reluctant to take time to read Bible stories with the children, do not conduct themselves in a Godly manner, show little or no enthusiasm for attending Bible studies, worship services, or other Christian gatherings, what can be expected of our children? The consequences of failing to do so could be tragic for both the parents and the children. What will be an acceptable excuse on judgment day for disregarding God’s instruction that he has revealed to us through the words of our text?

Often times we parents permit ourselves to become so caught up in the material things of this life there is scarcely time for teaching and training these precious little ones as we have all here been charged by God. What in this life can be so important that teaching our God-given children his will and way would become secondary in our priorities? Who bears this responsibility? Parents do! While it is true that sending, or better still, taking our children to Sunday School is very good, Christian parents must begin Christian training for their

children long before they reach Sunday School age. Children will never learn about the love of God and the salvation he has prepared for believers through Jesus Christ if they are abandoned before a television set or only entertained with the story books of this world. Parents must teach and train them in the ways of truth and righteousness.

May we all pray that God would instill within every Christian parent a special measure of wisdom, strength, and patience to train up our children, *“--- and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Eph. 6:4* Likewise let us all pray for our precious children that they would cling to the living faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ throughout their lives and be a light to others in this evil and sin darkened world. Oh, that Christian parents with all their children may one day rejoice before the glory encircled throne of God.

Dear mother and father press onward, even when it seems that your efforts are so feeble. God knows the desire of your heart and he will give additional strength in response to your fervent prayers.

Ken Storm - pastor

**Fall/Winter Schedule**

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:45am  
 Sunday Service 11:00am.

**Membership Dues: Due by Oct. 1st.**  
 Annual Meeting Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

**Online Broadcasts**

From our webpage: <http://www.tapiolachurch.org/> you will see the mixlr live audio – we will be 'on the air' during our church services. Previous sermons will be published to as well. **TELECONFERENCE Local: 334-6338 Long Distance: 1-906-334-6338 After “greeting”, enter Conference I.D. No. 44444**

Oct 5	Ken Storm	11:00	Holy Communion Sunday School 9:45am
Oct 12	Roy Tapio	11:00	
Oct 19	Ken Storm	11:00	Medical Care 3pm
Oct 26	Chad Kuivanen/TBD	11:00	Potluck meal following service