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Proverbs 22:1-9

Proverbs 22:6 provides us with a valuable instruction often given as advice to new parents: Start your children off right by training them in the way they should go. We raise them to the best of our abilities. We weep innumerable tears while spending time on our knees for them.

However, what should we do with this word of wisdom when we have neither been a parent, or are now empty-nesters whose children have taken flight? Are we dismissed from giving heed to this counsel from the Lord?

The grace of Proverbs 22:6 is that it not only applies to children. Wouldn't it be well-suited to new Christians, children in the faith? In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul speaks of "infants in Christ" who were not ready for solid (spiritual) food. We can have the privilege of equipping and training them to become fully-grown disciples of Christ, by building relationships and sharing community with them. We can equip others by teaching them the Word of God, helping cultivate their prayer life, and encouraging them in this blessed journey to heaven.

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