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## EVERY CHILD IS UNIQUE

“Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

(Proverbs 22:6)

**As I look at our five grandchildren-Christine, Chad, Bevan, Bradley Joe, and Weston – I find myself face-to-face with the challenge of understanding each of them so that I can help them develop godly characters.** I realize that each of them is a unique individual with different perspectives.

**In raising our own children, Brad and Jennifer, Emilie and I realized that we had to teach, motivate, and discipline each of them according to his or her unique personality.** God helped us understand that children need to be trained in a way tailor-made for them. **In today’s verse, Solomon’s idea communicates that we parents are to continue training our children as long as they are under our care, and we are to train our children God’s way – not according to our ideas, our ways, or our plans.**

**It’s important to see that this verse is not a guarantee to parents that raising children God’s way means they will never stray from His path. But our efforts to train our children to follow God will be most effective when we use the methods most appropriate to their individual personalities.** We need to approach each child differently and not compare them to each other. We need to be a student of our children. This gives our children a solid, biblical foundation for their lives. **AMEN.**

~ Bob Barnes

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

