“GIVE US A CHILD UNTIL HE IS 7’

Solomon said, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” (Prov. 22:6 ESV) and of children, Paul said, “bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Eph. 6:4 ESV)

Quite a bit is said about children in the scriptures. In the Psalms the Bible says, “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,” (Psa. 127:3 ESV and we need to be treated that way.”

One religious organization claims, “Give us a child until he is 7 and we will never lose him.” One of the things they realize that many of us miss, is that the formative years of a child is between birth and 7, and if done right, he will follow the path he has been taught.

Far too many times we wait until a child is of school age before we begin teaching them the way we want them to live. Of course, even then it is important for them to see in us the things we try to instill in them.

The principles of truth, dependability, courage, and like characteristics can be taught at an early age, the younger the better. If they grow up with these characteristics and principles are instilled early, they will never forget them.

Many have forgotten the Lord’s words, “…and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” (Deut. 6:7) Few today have a plan to teach their children at home. Even taking them to Bible Study and worship is not nearly enough to accomplish this.