

## Children Learning to Direct Their Path

Do children need to learn how to make choices so that they can someday direct their lives? No – because according to Jeremiah 10:23 this is not possible! But, it is proper to give children some experience in making simple choices, but only within the framework of authority. It must be a structured situation with the adults clearly in charge. “Do you want an apple or orange?” In other words “You have a choice but the choice is directed by me.” And, the adult authority continues – “Even though you can freely choose, I am still in charge and can direct you in how you eat the chosen item.”

It is the trend for those in the world around us to abdicate their role of authority and adult wisdom. Children are often treated as “little adults” rather than those in training to become adults. Children can’t possibly know what they need to eat or study to become useful adults. Are children equipped to make good choices about what they should eat, what they should study or where they should go to become adults who are useful in God’s service? As highly as we may think of our own children they are still children, and have no ability to direct in their own training.

A child knows nothing about being an adult and therefore cannot make choices about what he needs for the future. God has given children parents for the parents to direct them in all their paths (Proverbs 3:5-6) until such a time when they leave our authority and He (God) becomes their Guide.

*“Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth? Jeremiah 3:4*

*“Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child;” Proverbs 22:15*

*The children are under our authority to train and teach them to be under the ultimate authority because it is not within us to choose our own way in life.*

*O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. Jeremiah 10:23*

*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Romans 8:7*

*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

Parents seek the Lord in training this next generation and He will direct your path to raise up children after His heart and can be greatly used by Him.

For more information about raising children the Biblical way check out [Behavior Training Using God’s Word](#) and the Bible Study, [The Way They Should Go](#).