The wisdom of this world says, *“Bend the fish while it is still fresh,”* meaning that when a fish dries up, it can no longer be bent without breaking. The same is true for our children. Likewise, the Word of God tells us in Proverbs 22:6:

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

The reverse is also true — if a child is not raised in the right way, he will not easily abandon the wrong path, even when he becomes old. This reveals how both God and Satan are equally interested in the destiny of a child. God desires to secure that destiny, but Satan works hard to destroy it from the earliest stages of life.

Therefore, it requires greater effort to build a person’s life in childhood than to repair it in adulthood.

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1. The Modern Battle for Children’s Souls

The world today is not like the world of the past. Evil has

multiplied, and sin has become more accessible and normalized. I remember, when I was a child, around the ages of four to seven, my brother and I used to watch what adults considered “normal entertainment.” Our home had a television, and at that time, videos of *Michael Jackson* or *Congolese music* were very common. Almost every home with a VHS player had such tapes.

Adults enjoyed them, but as children, we were frightened. Many of those videos had disturbing, dark themes — people transforming into monsters, graveyard scenes, or supernatural images. What seemed harmless to adults planted fear and spiritual disturbance within us.

Soon, those things we saw on TV began manifesting in reality — at night, we would see small shadowy beings opening kitchen doors and dancing in front of us, exactly like those in the videos! When adults entered the room, the figures disappeared. These were not dreams or imagination — both of us saw them clearly.

Those manifestations stopped only after one of our parents gave their life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

This shows that what we expose our children to has spiritual

consequences. What enters through their eyes and ears creates spiritual doors — either for God or for demonic forces.

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2. The Digital Age: A Gateway to Darkness

If those things happened then — how much more now, when technology has multiplied? Today, children are not only exposed to television but also to smartphones, the internet, and countless video games.

Many popular games are spiritually corrupt. Games like *House of the Dead*, *Mortal Kombat*, *Diablo*, *Titan Quest*, or even seemingly innocent games such as *Spiderman* or *Zuma*, often contain occult imagery and demonic themes.

These designs are not accidental. Many of these games are created under the inspiration of satanic groups, who copy images from the spiritual realm of darkness. They reproduce demonic creatures and assign them roles similar to their real activities in the spirit world — killing, destroying, or drinking blood (John 10:10).

> “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” — *John 10:10*

When a child repeatedly watches or plays such content, he begins to fellowship with those spirits unknowingly. Over time, what he sees in the game may begin to appear in dreams or real life. The spirit starts giving him instructions, corrupting his behavior, and planting sinful desires.

That’s why we now see children exhibiting shocking behavior — rebellion, premature sexual awareness, disrespect, or unnatural anger. These are spiritual influences taking root through ungodly media.

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3. The Parental Responsibility and Biblical Discipline

Many parents mistakenly think they are showing love by giving children freedom to watch, play, and listen to anything. But the Bible is clear:

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> *Proverbs 22:6* — “Train up a child in the way he should go.”
> *Proverbs 22:15* — “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.”
> *Proverbs 23:13–14* — “Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with the rod and deliver his soul from Sheol.”

Modern parenting has rejected biblical discipline under the pretense of “love” or “modernity.” But refusing to correct a child is not love — it is neglect that endangers the soul. God disciplines His children because He loves them (Hebrews 12:6):

> “For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.”

Correction today saves the child’s soul tomorrow. As Hebrews 12:11 reminds us:

> “Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit

> of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

When parents discipline in love, guided by Scripture, they cooperate with God in shaping eternal destinies.

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4. Raising a Godly Generation

Parents must intentionally build spiritual foundations for their children. Instead of worldly songs and shows, let them learn hymns, worship songs, and Bible stories — about Elijah, Daniel, Jonah, the Israelites’ journey, and the kings of Israel.

Teach them to pray, to use the name of Jesus, and to speak Scripture. Encourage them to attend Sunday School or children’s Bible classes, where they can grow in the Word. Lay hands on them often and speak blessings over their lives (Numbers 6:24–26):

> “The Lord bless you and keep you;
> The Lord make His face shine upon you,
> And be gracious to you;

> The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
> And give you peace.”

By doing so, you will shield their souls from the corruption of this generation and from the spirits roaming the earth seeking to devour the young (1 Peter 5:8):

> “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

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5. A Final Call to Parents

Dear parent, guardian, or elder brother or sister — the devil’s plan is to steal the hearts of children early, but God’s plan is to save them early. Do not hand your children to the world in the name of comfort or convenience.
Stand firm as a spiritual guardian, and raise them under the light of God’s Word.

> *Proverbs 29:17* — “Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will bring delight to your soul.”

Train them, pray for them, and bless them — for the future of the Church and the Kingdom depends on the children we raise today.

May God bless every parent and guardian with wisdom, courage, and discernment to raise holy children ..

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