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**“It’s just like  
riding a bike.”**

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

**Proverbs 22:6**

English Standard Version



## **Proverbs 22:6**

**A principle, not a promise.**  
(cf. Proverbs 16:17)

**Beware of measuring  
parents by a kids' choices.**  
(Isaiah 1:2)

**Even with these caveats,  
what a helpful principle!**

# What does the future hold for the youth in this room?

God will spread his kingdom &  
bless the world through some here.

Satan will attack them all & the  
world will push them to conform.

They'll succeed...and fail.

Many of them will "revert  
to their training."



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**“Under pressure,  
you don’t rise to  
the occasion, you  
sink to the level of  
your training.”**

***– Anonymous Navy Seal***

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THE BIG IDEA

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**We can't save our kids** (Php. 2:12)  
**or protect them from every  
danger, but we can give them  
*momentum in the right direction.***

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# MOMENTUM

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**Hanok - "Dedicate" or "Initiate"**

*(Deut. 20:5; 1 Kings 8:63)*

*"to start the youth off with a strong and perhaps even religious commitment to a certain course of action" (Waltke)*

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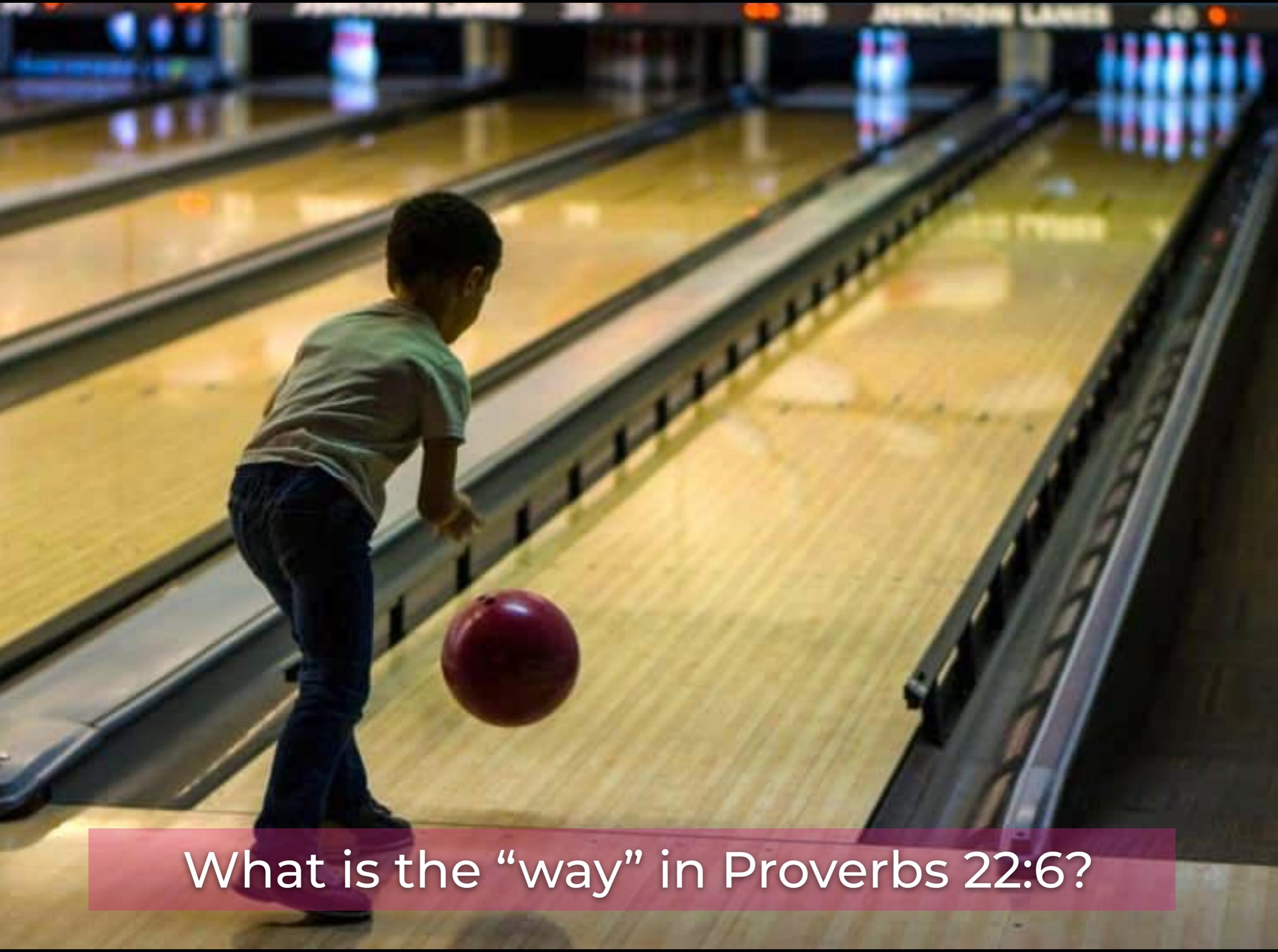


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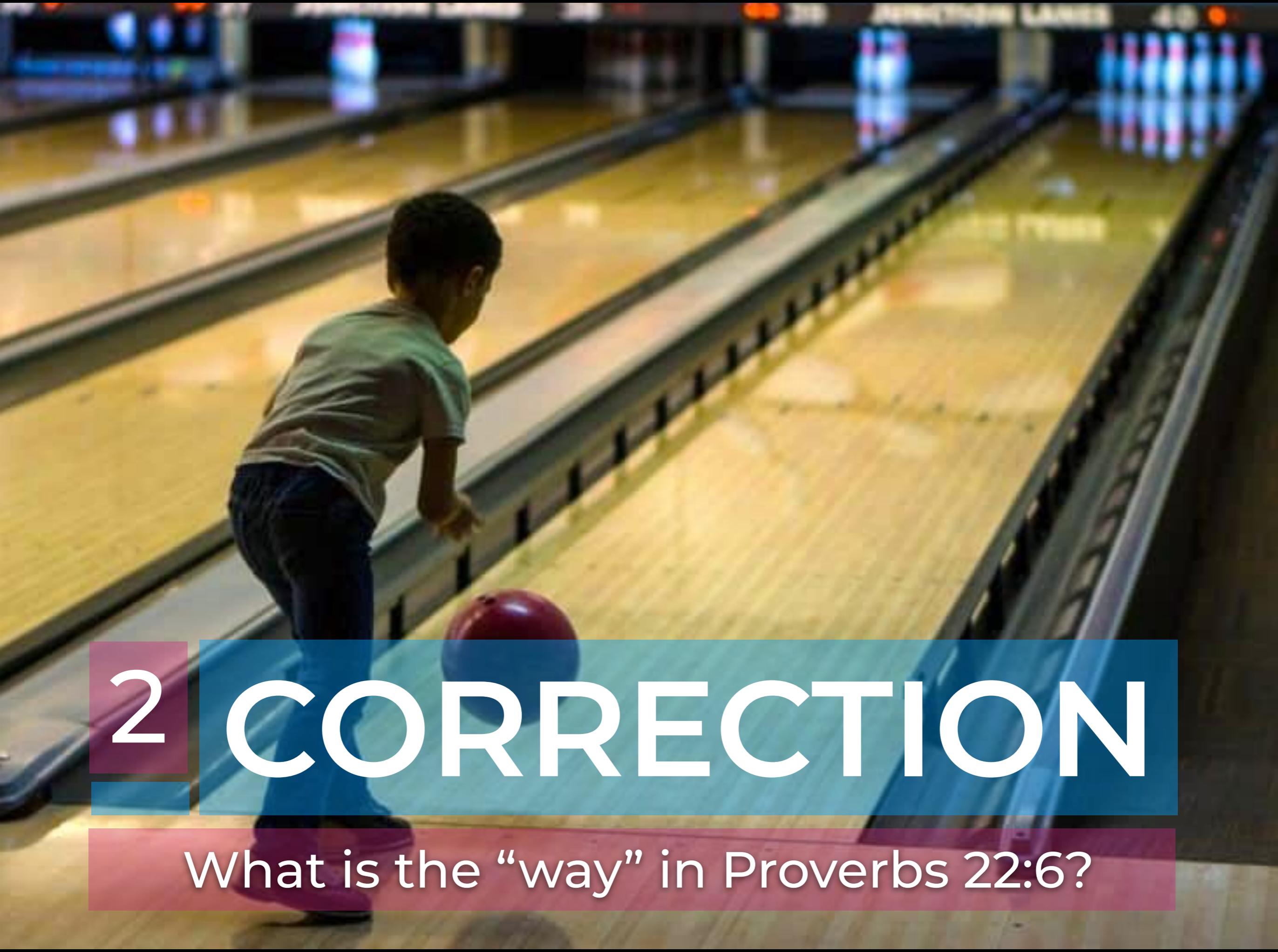
# MOMENTUM

Kids will tend to keep going in the same way.





What is the “way” in Proverbs 22:6?



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# CORRECTION

What is the “way” in Proverbs 22:6?

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

**Proverbs 22:6**

English Standard Version

*Literally, "Train up a child in his way"  
Could mean "in a way that fits that child"  
...or the whole verse could be a warning:  
"Start them off getting their own way...  
and they'll always think that way!"*

**Train up a child in [his] way ~~he should go;~~  
even when he is old he will not depart from it.**

**Proverbs 22:6**  
English Standard Version

**“Folly is bound up in the heart of a child...”**

**Proverbs 22:15**

English Standard Version

– HIS WAY –

**“Everyone did what was  
right in his own eyes.”**

**Judges 21:25b**

English Standard Version

– GOD’S WAY –

**“bring them up in the  
discipline and instruction  
of the Lord”**

**Ephesians 6:4b**

English Standard Version



# BOUNDARIES & CORRECTION

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**Our job isn't giving  
them their way, it's  
narrowing their way.**

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# DIRECTION

How do we apply Proverbs 22:6?



# A LIVING MAP

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**Highlight the route over  
& over, with your life,  
your teaching, and your  
relationship with them.**



And Peter said to them, **“Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins,** and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2:38**  
English Standard Version

For the promise is **for you and for your children**  
and for all who are far off, everyone whom the  
Lord our God calls to himself.”

**Acts 2:39**  
English Standard Version

And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, **"Save yourselves** from this crooked generation."

**Acts 2:40**  
English Standard Version

