

WATCH: What To Do If Your Child Leaves the Faith

If you're a Christian parent you've probably read this scripture from the book of Proverbs: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

If your child has wandered away from the faith, you may be tempted to blame yourself.

But many Christian scholars say that scripture is often taken out of context. In an article published by [The Gospel Coalition](#), author Mark Harper says most people are missing the point of that verse.

"It's not a scripture about salvation. The scripture is simply saying that through consistent discipline, you can train your children to behave. Herein lies the problem. Salvation does not come through obeying the rules," Harper wrote.

"One problem is that we mix the scriptures on evangelism and parenting and we tend to think they are the same when it comes to children," he said.

What should parents do if their child leaves the Christian faith? Dr. Linda Mintle, family therapist and author, answered this question and more. Click play to watch.

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