

## Kids Don't Know Anything About Anything

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***You know what makes me sick to my stomach? When I hear grown people say that kids have changed. Kids haven't changed. Kids don't know anything about anything. We've changed as adults. We demand less of kids. We make their lives easier instead of preparing them for what life is truly about. We're the ones that have changed. To blame kids is a cop out." — Frank Martin, Men's Basketball Head Coach, University of South Carolina***

At the height of this year's college basketball March Madness, Coach Martin's comments made headlines. In dramatic fashion, he made the point that if adults expect kids to do the right thing, then adults need to teach kids what is expected of them.

Ephesians 6:4 states, *"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."* Children come into this world in need of teaching and training. Once they are grown, they become responsible for their own actions. However, parents have the responsibility of providing them with that needed instruction during their early years. *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6).

Just as children need to be taught by their parents, all mankind needs to be taught by the heavenly Father. Frank Martin's remark of "Kids don't know anything about anything" sounds similar to Jeremiah 10:23, *"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps."*

Consider the words of Jesus in John 6:44-45, *"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me."*

How does one hear and learn from the Father? One is taught by God through studying His Word. Only by examining the Scriptures can a person learn what God expects of them in this life. As Jesus stated in John 17:17, *"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."*

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