

Luke 6:40 (NLT2)

*Students are not greater than their teacher.
But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.*

Growing up as a child, did you have a certain teacher that you really admired and thought, “*When I grow up I want to be like him or her*”? Or maybe now, there is a certain pastor or bible teacher that you would like to be like. Or if you are like me, what greater Teacher is there then Jesus, and we want to be like Him.

In today’s world, kids are growing up wanting to be like their favorite actor or actress. Some want to be like their favorite singer or musician. Even in our fantasy driven world, how many kids want to be like their favorite superhero, be it in a movie or a video game? But have you ever thought of these types of people as being teachers to our kids and even us? No, they don’t hold classes or are in our school system, but they do teach our children, and even us as adults, because the more time we, or they spend with them, they (or we) are being trained to want to be like him or her.

Look at Jesus’ words again when He said, “*But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.*” If kids are spending so much time playing video games or listening and following their favorite actor or singer on social media, then they will strive to be just like him or her, because they are learning from them, which in a lot of cases is not a good thing.

But let’s bring it home. As parents, what are we teaching our kids or even our grandkids? What kind of a life do we live? Are we like double agents, where we are one way when we are at church, but a totally different person as soon as we get out of the parking lot? Do we lift our hands to God in praise at church, then crank up the songs full of profanity and vulgarity driving away from church? Do we watch movies or even TV show that are full of profanity, nudity, and sex, then wonder why our kids have bad mouths and are disrespectful to others? If you think about it, would you really want your son or daughter to be playing that part in a movie? If you say yes, then there is a huge issue as being a Christian and thinking you would want your child to grow up to be in a movie being naked and/or having sex in front of millions of people. But if you say no you wouldn’t, then why train your child to be that way by allowing it to be entertainment in your home?

The Proverbs teach us to,

† **Proverbs 22:6** “*Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.*”

To “*Train up*” is to be their teacher, and when you read Jesus’ words from today’s devotional verse, “*But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.*” It’s almost like Jesus

is quoting from this proverb, because they both in a sense say the same thing.

† *“Train up a child” and “**But the student who is fully trained.**”*

† *“And when he is old he will not depart from it.” And “**will become like the teacher.**”*

So, if we are teachers of our children, what will they become in life based upon what they see in our life right now? Because as a parent, your kids “**will become like the teacher.**” Which is you.

Or think of it this way, who or what are we allowing to raise our kids? I mentioned actors/actresses, musicians, singers, video games, tv shows, movies, even books or what they are reading online on their phones each day. These are our kids teachers. But do you know what, if we are spending so much time on these things ourselves, they are our teachers as well, and we end up teaching our kids these same bad habits or ways of life that we have been living.

Let’s pray for the Lord to show us those bad teachers in our kids lives, and in our lives, and to help us to get rid of them, and then have the greatest Teacher of all teach us, so that we can be like Him, “**will become like the teacher.**” JESUS!

† *Isaiah 2:3 Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

† *Luke 11:1b one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray."*