

GOD'S GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:18-21

Basic truth for raising children to know the Lord

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LET'S GET STARTED

Deuteronomy includes the Bible's earliest teachings on a variety of subjects, including parenthood. In this message we observe what God told the Israelite parents about leading their children to know and love Him, and we consider how those ancient teachings apply to Christian families today.

FAMILY LIFE, THEN AND NOW

1. Families who are materially blessed face temptations to _____ in their devotion to God.

Deuteronomy 6:10-12—¹⁰ "When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, ¹¹ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, ¹² be careful that you do not forget the LORD," . . .

2. Youth are exposed to other _____ that contrast sharply with the Bible's message.

Deuteronomy 6:13-15—¹³ "Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. ¹⁴ Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; ¹⁵ for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land."

Quotable

A family is a place where principles are hammered and honed on the anvil of everyday living.

—Charles Swindoll

In the family, life is brought not only to our doorstep, but into our kitchens, bedrooms, and dens. In the family, life is happening all around us, and it begs to be questioned, evaluated, interpreted, and discussed. There is no more consistent, . . . dynamic forum for instruction about life than the family, because that is exactly what God designed the family to be, a learning community.

—Paul David Tripp

If you would like to know more

The Most Important Place On Earth: What a Christian Home Looks Like and How to Build One,
by Robert Wolgemuth (Thomas Nelson, 2006)

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MOSES' INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS

¹⁸ "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; . . ."

The point: Make sure your _____ is right with God.

¹⁸ ". . . tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads."

²⁰ "Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates,"

The point: Go for _____ over symbolism.

¹⁹ "Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

The point: Make following Christ a _____ of _____, rather than a Sunday event.

²¹ "so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth."

The point: Embrace the fact that your child's relationship with Christ is _____ -

_____.

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by giving our hearts completely to Christ, by doing our best to point our children to Christ, and by praying for Christian parents and encouraging them as they raise their children in an increasingly godless society.

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