

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 “¹ These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” (NIV)

VISION FOR GODLY PARENTING

1. You will leave a LEGACY.

Deuteronomy 6:2a “... so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you ...”.

2. You will ENJOY life.

Deuteronomy 6:2b “... so that you may enjoy long life ...” (NIV)

3. You will be able to HANDLE life.

Deuteronomy 6:3a “... so that it may go well with you ...” (NIV)

4. You will be BLESSED!

Deuteronomy 6:3b “... that you may increase greatly in the land flowing with milk and honey ...” (NIV)

GOD'S PLAN FOR PARENTS

1. LOVE the Lord!

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 “⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.”

2. SEIZE responsibility.

Deuteronomy 6:7 “Impress them on your children ...’

3. MODEL the way.

Deuteronomy 6:7-9 “⁷... Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

(a) We learn RELATIONSHIPS.

(b) We learn CHARACTER.

(c) We learn VALUES.

(d) We learn FAITH.

BOTTOM LINE:

Joshua 24:14-15 “¹⁴ Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” (NIV)