

**"Faith Of Our Fathers"**  
**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**  
**Father's Day June 16, 2024**

**Fathers are God's Spiritual Representatives in the Home/Society!**  
**Matthew 6:9 'Our Father who art in heaven,**

**Dad - Your children are watching your Actions and Attitudes:**

**Deuteronomy** – has been called **"The Gospel of Love"** (Being the second Law, Or another opportunity) **"The Book that Jesus loves"** Jesus quoted more from Deuteronomy than any other book of the OT.

**Deuteronomy** contains (34 chapters) and it covers Israel's history (40 years), the book was written in 40 days. (1406 BC)

**Deuteronomy 6 - Love And Gratitude To The Lord: (Exposition of 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment) Exodus 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.**

**Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Love For The Lord:**  
**Deuteronomy 6:10-25 Gratitude To The Lord:**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Priority Of Life Can Be Summed Up By Loving God And Obediently Trusting Him"

- 1. Verses 4-6 What To Teach Our Children:**
- 2. Verses 7-9 How To Teach Our Children:**

**1. Verses 4-6 What To Teach Our Children:**

**Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!**

**Hear, O Israel! Deuteronomy 6:4-9** called the **"Shema"** it is taken from the first word **"Hear"** it is the Hebrew verb which means *"to Hear"*

**The Lord is our God, the LORD is one!** Or Literally *"Jehovah our Elohim is one Jehovah"* This means there is only one true living God.

A Christian home is to teach about the **One True God**, and about **man's relationship to God**. That is the beginning of life, or as Proverbs puts it, the beginning of wisdom: **Proverbs 9:10**

**Deuteronomy 6:5** Notice the word **"all"** that is used **three times** in this verse. Speaks of loving God with all of our being and faculties.

**"What Is The Priority Of Life?" Start with God and it is simply "Loving God!"** Jesus said this - **Matthew 22:37-38**

Notice it doesn't say that you are to "Serve God"

Deuteronomy 6:6 commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

The Parental Priority Is Starting With Ourselves: shall be on your heart;

Deuteronomy 4:13-15

"So watch yourselves carefully!" That is the place to start---not with your children, with Us!

**The Bible Teaches 3 Truths That Need To Be Ingrained In Us:**

1. **We Have Been Created By God** – One God who is the Creator
2. **We Are Depraved Sinners** – Our problem is sin
3. **We Need To Be Redeemed** – Repent - Salvation

Teaching our children that God loves them, teaching them right and wrong. They are responsible for their own actions!

We Must Understand From Scripture The Nature Of Children (All Have Sinned And Need To Repent). Proverbs 22:15

Notice "**the rod**," (*symbol of discipline and authority*) that we are to spank our child; Note it also says **of discipline.**" **Discipline** – "*training*"

## **2. Verses 7-9 How To Teach Our Children:**

Deuteronomy 6:7

Teaching Of Children Is The Responsibility Of Parents: and you shall teach them diligently to your sons

The Parental Priority Of Training Our Children:

We are personally responsible to see that our children are taught and trained. Correct The Wrong and Encourage Right!

"You shall teach them

The parents are the most influential persons in their children's lives:

**teach them diligently** - the root word; "*to point, to pierce, prick*" it is ongoing, its demanding, not pleasant at times. (Over and over again, so they get it!)

**to your sons (Children) Train our children to be God-reliant persons.  
Not Self-reliant persons.**

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

**Proverbs 6:20 the commandment of your father, is that which sets the limits of life, the restraints.**

**the teaching of your *mother* she applies them, drawing the application for the specific moment.**

**Parents do not exist for their children; they exist to be people before God, first of all. Deuteronomy 6:6 shall be on your heart:**

**It is God first (Jesus first), ourselves next, and others third.**

**We must develop, our own relationship as husband and wife, intellect, our own mind, and our talents.**

**We must teach the child how to take care of his own needs. That is the basic principle of child training.**

**Teaching Our Children By Talking To Them: and shall talk of them - that's all! Talk about these things---not preach, not lecture**

**"Talk," that's all, in as natural and normal and unforced a way as conversation "God must be recognized everywhere in life"**

**Life-related process of teaching these lessons should grow out of natural circumstances.**

**Teaching Our Children To Be Grateful To God: sin, at its root, is ingratitude! Romans 1:21-22, 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**Teaching Our Children To Depend Upon God: Philippians 4:6**

**Teaching Our Children By Talking And Sitting: "talk about these things when you sit in your house..." mealtime.**

**Teaching Our Children When Walking With Them: and when you walk by the way**

**Teaching Our Children At Bedtime: and when you lie down**

**Teaching Our Children With The Start Of A New Day: "and when you rise" Facing the beginning of the waking day, and how to begin it properly.**

**Deuteronomy 6:8; Exodus 13:16; Matthew 23:5**

**Teaching Our Children Is Derived From God's Authority: "You shall bind them as a sign** God is the ultimate power

**"You shall bind them as a sign on your hand We should walk our talk,**  
**and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. Guiding your thought-**  
**life, you're thinking.**

**Deuteronomy 6:9** Note - **doorposts** and **gates** figuratively into contact with the outside world

**Application:**

1. The Priority Of Life Can Be Summed Up By Loving God And Obediently Trusting Him.
2. Teaching Children Is The Responsibility Of The Parents.
3. Teach Our Children That We Are Sinners Separated From God And Only Jesus Can Fix It: (Called "The Gospel").
4. Teaching Our Children Is Accomplished Through Talking To Them About Everyday Situations And Seeing God In Them. **Deuteronomy 6:7**