

"A Father's Faith" **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Fathers are God's Spiritual Representatives in the Home/Society! **Matthew 6:9**

Deuteronomy – has been called **"The Gospel of Love"** (Being the second Law, Or another opportunity) **"The Book that Jesus loves"**

Deuteronomy contains (34 chapters) and it covers Israel's history (40 years). The time span of the book was recorded in less than a month's time.

Deuteronomy 6 - Love And Gratitude To The Lord: (Exposition of 1st 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**

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Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! Deuteronomy 6:4-5 called the **"Shema"** - It is taken from the first word **"Hear"**

It is the Hebrew verb which means *"to Hear"* recited **3 times** a day by the God-fearing Jew.

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

This was revolutionary in a world that is filled with Polytheism (many gods)
John 14:6 Way, Truth, Life - God as one being in three persons:

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 **3 times** in this verse.

**"What Is The Priority Of Life?"
Start's with God and it is simply "Loving God!"**

Jesus said this - **Matthew 22:37-38**

What needs to be taught above all else is to Love God!

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

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

(Parents are People) They need to make a life as a person and a couple!

Deuteronomy 4:12-15 "So watch yourselves carefully!" 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**
- 2. We Are Depraved Sinners**
- 3. We Need To Be Redeemed**

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

**We Must Understand From Scriptures The Nature Of Children.
Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;**

Notice that it doesn't say just "**the rod**," meaning that you are simply to spank your child; it says, "**the rod 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

**"You shall teach them The parents are the most influential persons in their children Lives:
There is no substitute for a home.**

teach them diligently - the root word; *"to point, to pierce, prick" it is ongoing, it's demanding, not pleasant at times.*

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

Deuteronomy 6:5 "And you shall love the LORD your God

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

The purpose of law, in any form, is to discover the limits of life, and to discover the nature of evil which is in us.

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

The key to marriage and the home is that parents must realize that children are only there temporarily.

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;

"We must free ourselves from the dependency of our children upon us."

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 - "God must be recognized everywhere in life."

***Teaching Our Children To Be Grateful To God: Sin, at its roots, is ingratitude! Romans 1:21-22; 1 Thessalonian 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.**

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

Teaching Our Children At Bedtime: and when you lie down

Thorns in the pillow - It is a time to teach children how to **handle anger** and **hate** and **resentment**, and how to **forgive and to be forgiven.**

**Teaching Our Children With The Start Of A New Day:
"and when you rise"**

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

Deuteronomy 6:9 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.** The Great Truth To Teach Children Is 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**
- 5.** The Teaching And Discipline Of Our Children Is Commanded By God.