

**“A Father’s Life That Teaches”
Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Father's Day, June 15, 2014**

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Ephesians 4:15

Why Is The “Father’s Role” So Important? The Father is the spiritual representative of God in the Home/Society. Matthew 6:9

Deuteronomy – Has been called “The Gospel of Love, The Book that Jesus loves.”

Deuteronomy is 34 chapters and it covers Israel’s history (40 years), but the span of the book is very short (less than a month’s time).

Deuteronomy 6 – Love And Gratitude To The Lord: (Exposition of The 1st Commandment) Exodus 20:3.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 – Love For The Lord

Deuteronomy 6:10-25 – Gratitude To The Lord

Thought Of Our Passage: “The Most Important Issue Of Life Can Be Simply Summed Up By Loving God And Trusting Him Obediently.”

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!” – Deuteronomy 6:4-5: called the “Shema”; it is from the Hebrew verb which is imperative, means “To Hear”; it is taken from the first word.

“The Lord our God is one Lord;” – Or Literally “Jehovah our Elohim [plural] is one Jehovah.”

Proverbs 9:10

Deuteronomy 6:5

“What Is The Most Important Issue Of Life?” It Starts with God and it is Simply Loving God!”

Matthew 22:37-38

What needs to be taught above all is to Love God.

Deuteronomy 6:6

Priority Of Parents, Starting With Themselves.

Deuteronomy 4:12-15

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**

No greater truth to teach children – that we are sinners separated from God. Only God can fix it! (Called “The Gospel”).

We Must Understand From Scriptures, The Nature Of Children.

Proverbs 22:15

“the rod of discipline.” – Discipline – “training”; The rod is the symbol of discipline and authority.

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 Parents Hands – On Development Of Their Children.

“diligently” – the root word; “to point, to pierce, prick, sharp (-en)”; ongoing, it’s demanding, not pleasant at times.

“to your sons” – (Children) Train our children to be God-reliant persons, not self-reliant.

Deuteronomy 6:5

Proverbs 6:20

“the commandment of your father,” – is that which sets the limits of life, the restraints. This is the father’s role – to be objective as to where these limits are. He is not only to set them but also to enforce them, with loving wisdom.

“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

Teaching Our Children By Talking To Them: “and shall talk of them”

1. Teaching Our Children To Be Grateful To God:

Apostle Paul, in writing to the Romans, begins at the point of ingratitude. In other words, **sin, at its roots, is ingratitude!**

Romans 1:21-22

1 Thessalonians 5:18

2. 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...” One time comes to mind--
-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”

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 Based On The Authority Of God: “You shall bind them as a sign”

“and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.” – Guiding your thought-life, your intelligence.

Deuteronomy 6:9

Doorposts and gates of the house take us figuratively into contact with the outside world, depicting our behavior toward relatives and friends, toward neighbors and society at large.

Application:

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2. Teaching Of Children Is The Responsibility Of Parents.
3. No Greater Truth To Teach Children – That We Are Sinners Separated From God. Only God Can Fix It! (Called “The Gospel”).
4. Teaching Our Children By Simply Talking To Them About Everyday Situations And Seeing God In It: Deuteronomy 6:7.
5. Teaching Our Children Is Based On The Authority Of God.