

Deuteronomy 6

Short Context
Moses charged with taking people from not knowing God to knowing Him
Coming out of polytheistic culture
Pharaoh Lord in Egyptian culture

Vs 4 Listen Israel: The Lord is our God, The Lord is one!
Hear in Hebrew
Hear
Observe
Obey
Monotheistic proclamation
Lordship proclamation

Vs 5 You must love the Lord your God with Your whole mind, your whole being, and all your strength.
Heart/mind
All means all
No room for anything else
Seat of emotion
Seat of intellect
Worship internally motivated not externally inspired
soul
Can't maintain high emotion level of worship all the time
Soul eternal
Soul recognized by God
Love not limited by emotions but in that part of us that is eternal
Regardless of circumstance, can still love
Strength
Actions demonstrate love
Everything we do

Vs 6 These words I am commanding you today must be kept in mind
Mind=heart
So much a part of you that they are your life/your heart
That you no longer have to think about them

Vs 7 And you must teach them to your children and speak of them as you sit in your house, as you walk along the road, as you lie down, and as you get up
All the time in all circumstances with people we are intimate with
The most public
The most intimate
Consistent obedience

Vs 8 You should tie them as a reminder on your forearm and fasten them on your forehead.
Forearm
For yourself
Forehead
For others to see
We are to be beacons of spirituality and hope
Nobody wants your religion
Not an arrogance but statement of fact
What they do want: connection to the creator
Reminders to be the person needed to be the man of God you want to be

Vs 9 Inscribe them on the doorframes of your houses and gates.
Hebrew house
Gate anyone could come thru
Door
For friends to come into
Interior Door
For family
What they see on the outside is consistent with what is seen on the inside
Practical (bad) Story
M in closed access country
Masquerades as business man
When they become friends and move into the interior find out you aren't who you said
This damages relationship

Must have distinction between religious and spiritual
Amos 5:21-24
Righteousness
Right relationship with God
Justice
Right relationship with others
Almost always found together

Practical (good) Story
M in closed country
Conspicuously connected to God in all you say and do
Those interested drawn to this
Can then begin to teach and obey
Legalism vs Obedience
John 14:15,21,23,31 15:9-11
Jesus' definition of love
Love is obedience
Jesus will show Himself to you
Jesus will make His home with you
Reverse also true
Joy may be complete
Being in the presence of a God pleased with you
Get that joy anywhere because you are abiding with Christ in obedience
Not about happiness
Acts 5:32
Holy Spirit given to those who obey God

If we live this type of life, wherever we are, people are going to see that there is something different

They will be drawn to Jesus
You can then show them the path to connect them to God
It's done in relationship
It's done in great humility and love
People of great promise who will shake their heads and walk away
You are going to be hurt
Don't know spiritual warfare until you start leading this life
Satan will want to destroy that type of relationship