

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

4 Ways Families Can Pass On A Fruitful Relationship With Jesus



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Context/Background

- Author: Moses (written approx. 1446-1406 BC)
- Audience: Newly formed nation of Israel
- Setting: Name “Deuteronomy” means, “Second Law”
- Not new and different Law, but repeated to second generation who hadn’t had full experience of Exodus
- God pauses people just before entering Promised Land to express to them how to be prosperous and fruitful

Making Jesus The Center Of The Home

- (v. 4) Verse very dear to Jewish people; called “shema” after first word in verse (Hebrew word for “hear” is shema)
- Most cultures at time worshipped many gods; Israel was to be different
- They to worship the One, True, God, because He is the only God
- The Lord is to be the center of every home; foundation

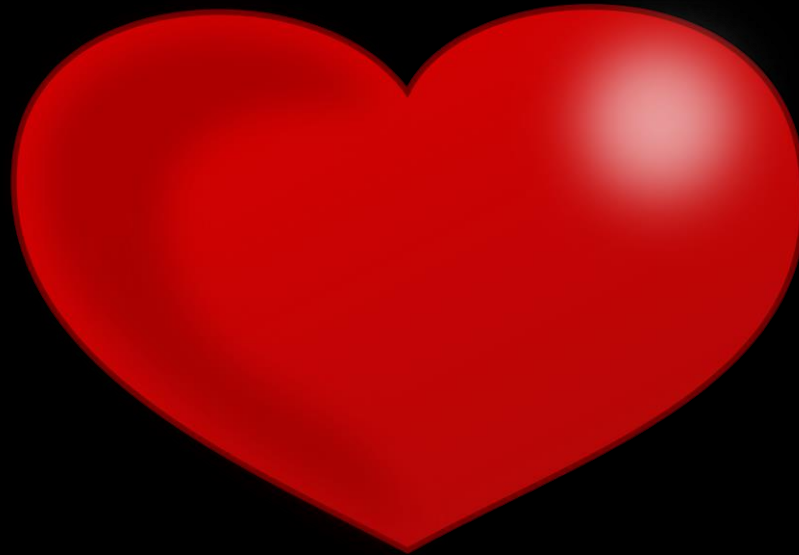
- Matt. 7:24-25, “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.”



Relating To Jesus And His Word Personally

- (vv. 5-6) God given people laws, but biggest desire from Him was relationship and fellowship
- Moses encouraged; whole-hearted devotion and love
- Heart, Soul, Strength; not just external observance of rules but knowing by experience
- Jesus said in Gospels, verse (v. 5) was greatest commandment of all

- Ps. 119:103-104, “How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through Your precepts I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.”
- I Sam. 15:22, “...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,..”



Being Intentional About Teaching Biblical Truths To Children

- (v. 7) Moses: Believing parents are to be actively engaged in teaching children about Jesus and His word
- Faith in Jesus doesn't just "happen", must be passed on purposefully and intentionally
- Spiritual truth is often more "caught" than "taught".
- Faith can be passed on through everyday life; not just lecture, or formal lesson

- Eph. 6:4, “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”
- Prov. 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”



Applying Scripture Personally And Tangibly

- (vv. 8-9) Big key: applying Bible truth to everyday life situations; bringing God's word off pages of Bible and into life
- Keep reminders of Jesus and His word before the family
- Jews wore "phylacteries" and used "Mezuzah"
- Meaning more symbolic; God's word is to guide our actions, thoughts, homes, and contact with community

- Ps. 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
- Hosea 4:6, “My people perish for lack of knowledge...”



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