



Teach Them Diligently

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-12

The Greatest Commandment



- ▶ The center of this **greatest commandment** (Deut. 6:4-5) is our **relationship** with God
- ▶ God did not demand our worship or our tribute, rather He demands our **love**
- ▶ Do you love **your** God? Do you love Him with all your heart, soul, and might?
- ▶ This is the very center of the **gospel—Jesus** came to restore this broken relationship

1. In Your Heart

- ▶ (v.6) This commandment of love shall be in their (our) **heart** (Psalm 1)
- ▶ Note: before God asked us to **teach our children** about God, He first wants to address our heart—as in “what is in our heart?”
- ▶ This matters because our children will **learn** what is in our heart, even if we don't want to teach them
- ▶ “These words” how is your devotional life? Do you **meditate** on God's word and His love for you?



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- ▶ “Diligently” the root word here referring to pointing at something—i.e. intensively, focus on
- ▶ This teaching does not “just happen.” It requires thought, planning, and intention.
- ▶ How are you bringing the person of God and the love of God to your children today? How do you teach them to rely on God and to think according to God’s wisdom?
- ▶ There are 3 ways to communicate this to them:



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- ▶ 2a) **Talk** to our children while they are sitting with us or walking with us—**referring to God** in daily conversation as we personally walk with God
- ▶ 2b) **Teach** the children while they rise from bed and ready for bed—this speaks to actual **lessons** prepared for them during a specific time of day
- ▶ 2c) **Remind** our children about God with their surroundings, i.e. drawings, decorations, family habits and events, etc.

3. Not Forget God



- ▶ Note: It is our responsibility as parents to teach our children (about God and many things), not the school or the society, and definitely not the computer or television
- ▶ (6:10-12) The world wants us to **forget about God** and what He has done for us. There is nothing wrong with vineyards or olive trees, rather it is our focus that matters (i.e. Eli and Samuel)
- ▶ (Psalm 78:4-6) To establish a **testimony** of God

Conclusion

- ▶ (Deut. 6:4-5) How much do you **love** God? How do you know God loves you? (John 3:16)
- ▶ (Deut. 6:6) How do you **remember** God in your personal life? (Psalm 1)
- ▶ (Deut. 6:7-9) How do you **teach** your children about God? Do you refer to God in your **daily conversation** with them? (Prov. 22:6)
- ▶ (Deut. 6:10-12; Psalm 78:5) Have you established a **testimony** for your children to follow?

