

Parenting

Question: *What do we do with them now?*

*"A healthy marriage creates the context for healthy parenting which creates the context for happy kids."
- Phil Vischer*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV) - ⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The "Shema" – Listening with the intent to obey

"... teach them diligently" - Carries the idea of sharpening by using a repeated action.

Psalms 127:3-5 (ESV) - ³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

"Our kids were given to us for the purpose of the mission. When we treat them less like arrows and more like accessories to our lives, we're not only stunting their development but also discouraging them from finding God's plan altogether." - J.D. Greear

The goal of Christian parents: To raise God-dependent children who are equipped to reach the world for Jesus one person at a time.

Three Commands for Parents:

1. The command to _____ God with your whole being (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

1 John 4:15-16 (ESV) - *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

2. The command to _____ the next generation by teaching them who God is and what He has done (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

Deuteronomy 6:10-15 (ESV) - ¹⁰ And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹² then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³ It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you

