

“Putting God First”

- A Parent’s Priority Is To Gradually Transfer A Child’s _____
Away Them Until It Rests Solely On _____.

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe... so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live. - *Deuteronomy 6:1-2 NIV*

HOW TO PUT GOD FIRST

1. _____ Your _____ !

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. - *Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NIV*

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2. _____ Your _____ !

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

- *Deuteronomy 6:6-9 NIV*

LEAD _____

“**Train up** a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” - *Proverbs 22:6 NKJV*

TRAINING FROM PROVERBS

- 1) Train them to manage God’s _____ (Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV)
- 2) Train them to carefully select _____ (Proverbs 13:20 NIV)
- 3) Train them to watch their _____ (Proverbs 4:24 NIV)
- 4) Train them to be _____ (Proverbs 6:6-8 NIV)
- 5) Train them to guard their _____ (Proverbs 23:7 NKJV)
- 6) Train them to be _____ (Proverbs 6:32 NIV)
- 7) Train them to _____ God (Proverbs 1:7 NIV)

ARE YOU LEADING YOUR CHILDREN OR ARE YOUR CHILDREN LEADING YOU?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What are some ways you were disciplined growing up (in your home, school, and/or community)? How are those ways different from what you see today? Discuss the differences.
- Discuss how children are being influenced today—toward God & away from God.
- Describe the challenges you’ve faced as a parent—or the challenges you see that would be difficult for any parent.
- Read the Deuteronomy verses above. Are parents leading their children or are the kids leading their parents? Discuss.
- Read through the 7 Proverbs above and discuss the importance of each one.
- How could you help to parent a child in today’s world (even if you do not have children in the home)?
- What one thing can you do differently this week in order to put His Commands on your heart?