

C

O

M

M

I

T

### Deuteronomy 6:1-2; 4-9

**1** "Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, **2** that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. **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.

### Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

### 1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

---

Your greatest accomplishment might not be what you do but who you impact.

To impact the next generation, we must love our God.

"The thing that impresses me most about American is the way the parents obey their children." - Edward, Duke of Windsor

You should be more concerned with your children's holiness than you are with their happiness.

A parent's primary priority is to transfer their child's dependence from them to God.

We must enlist supporting voices.

We must raise the expectations.

Jesus never lowered the standards when He invited people to follow Him.

We must keep it real.

When what you say does not line up with what they see, people will reject it.

---

(Note to the LifeGroup leader: If you or the people in your group do not have kids remember that you can be a huge influence in the lives of the next generation at the church or in this community.)

- **Based on Deuteronomy 6:5, what does it mean to love your God with all your heart, soul and might?**
- **What would it look like to have successful children? How will you know that you are being a successful parent?**
- **Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What goal does God set forth in these verses for us and our children?**
- **We cannot pass on to our children what we do not possess. Do you think you spend enough time with God and His Word? What can you do to increase this time?**
- **What are some ways that you can begin to develop godly patterns in the lives of your kids.**

(Bible reading plan for the entire family, daily devotional time/prayer time, choose a time to serve at Vision or in the community as a family, etc...)