

# THE TALKS

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Introduction

**Deuteronomy 6:4–7** (page 151 in the Bible provided)

*Sex is something parents are to teach their children, constantly, in context.*

I. This is given to \_\_\_\_\_ to teach.

II. This is not one conversation, but a \_\_\_\_\_ conversation.

III. You teach your sex in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ on the context of God's kingdom.

**THIS SUMMER BEGIN, OR CONTINUE, THAT CONVERSATION WITH YOUR CHILDREN!**

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# BEYOND THE MESSAGE

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MESSAGE: The Talks

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 6:7

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## FOR THIS WEEK

This week we've challenged each other to have that difficult talk with our kids. Understanding that not all of us have children, take this week as a way of learning so that you may be a resource one day for others.

## MONDAY

The Hebrew people read and prayed the Shema every day. **Read the Shema in Deuteronomy 6:4-8.**

1. What is the command in this verse that parents are supposed to teach?
2. How does this command pertain to sex? Or do you think it does not? Why?
3. In what ways have parents neglected obeying verse 7 when it comes to sex? Why do you think?
4. What are some ways that you can talk with children rightly about this subject "when you walk, when you sit, when you lie down and when you rise"?

## TUESDAY

There is a context in which sex is taught in the Bible. **Read Genesis 2:18-25.**

1. God said it is not good for man to be alone. Why do you think he said that? What does sex have to do with this verse?
2. What is God's point in making man all the animals and then making him name them?
3. Why do you think Adam explodes in poetry (verse 23) when he sees Eve?
4. How does verse 24 define marriage, sex and children? How do these three things go together?
5. Why is it important our children are taught this text?

## WEDNESDAY

Marriage, sex and children. This is the initial vision God gave of human prospering to Adam and Eve. It is the ideal situation before the fall, where people would marry, have sex and have children. In fact God said this was good (Genesis 1:31), and before he said it was good he had told people to actually multiply on the earth, implying they would teach their children the things of God. But that isn't how it is now.

Today, we see that sex, while constantly talked about and unfortunately shown on the internet, movies and other media, has lost the combination of marriage, sex and children. Thanks to technology, people today can have children without sex, and sex without fear of having children. Thus, marriage became something passé. Fewer people marry and now fewer people are having children. Maybe it is because we've not been teaching the beauty and proper role of sex in marriage.

Now it isn't bad if fewer people get married or don't have children if they are seeking the Lord Jesus. In fact as we talk about sex with our children, we need to be careful

not to glorify it. It isn't the end all, be all of life. If it was, Jesus didn't reach that ultimate purpose, he never married or had sex. In fact, when asked about divorce by the Sadducees, Jesus corrected them and told them in eternity humanity would be like the angels. There would be no marriage and thus no sex. In eternity, our lives will be so dedicated to God these things of the earth are not needed any more. Jesus seems to set his kind of life up as the best kind. He tells us all to seek the Kingdom before anything else (Matthew 6:33) and he will add all that we need.

Here is the point: knowing that our children may be single all their life and thus as Christians never have sex, we need to help them see the joy and beauty in chastity. That it isn't abstinence of a good or yucky thing, but instead life isn't about sex, it's about focusing on God. It is going for the greatest thing no matter what comes.

Yes, teach about sex to your kids, its goodness and joy in marriage, but remind them God is much greater than either of those things.

## THURSDAY

### Read through Proverbs 7.

1. Who is talking in this passage? Who is he talking to?
2. Why does he warn his son about a foolish boy and a prostitute?
3. What kind of warnings do we need in our current culture for our children? Make a list so you are ready to deal with the dangers as well.
4. Pray for you child in these dangers and ask God for wisdom and timing to talk about them.

## FRIDAY

### Again read Proverbs 7.

1. Into what kind of situation did the young man put himself? What situations do our children put themselves in that we can help them know?
2. Why does the father describe the young boy as "pierced through his liver" (a slow way to die), when it comes to the consequences of sexual sin?
3. What long term consequences can you think of?
4. Pray again for your children and Olive Branchers to teach their children about these consequences and situations.