



FAMILY MATTERS: PARENTING FOR ETERNITY

PROVERBS 22:6 · DEUTERONOMY 6: 4-9, 20; 21-24 · NEHEMIAH 8: 1-13

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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**.

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Three characteristics of spiritual parenting for eternity:

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Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "**Honor your father and mother**" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "**that it may go well with you** and that you may live long in the land." (Ephesians 6:1-3)

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Hear, my son, your **father's instruction**, and forsake not your **mother's teaching**,⁹ for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. (Proverbs 1:8-9)

²⁰ My son, keep your **father's commandment**, and forsake not your **mother's teaching**.²¹ Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck.²² **When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you.**
(Proverbs 6:20-22)

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Children, **obey your parents** in everything, for this pleases the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)

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And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For **all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.** (Nehemiah 8:9)

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Review: Parenting for Eternity is...

1. Intentional.
2. Continual.
3. Visual or experiential.



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Application



Make it your business to make God their business by...

- Sign up for parenting electives.
- Sign up for marriage elective.
- **Pick-up the hand out in the lobby on worshipping as a family.**
- Ask yourself if you are doing all you really can to point your children to Jesus and reorder your priorities as necessary.

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Faithlessness (negligence) is not an option.



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