



“HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!”

Go for God!

~ Yo Men, Dads Present and Future, let us learn and lead from Deuteronomy Chapter 6, may we put practice five “Life Lessons” for all:

> Life Lesson #1 – TEACH ME, SO I CAN TEACH MY FAMILY AND OTHERS! (v1-3)

(v1) The LORD wants to teach us. If God is the teacher, then we must be the learners/disciples.

- **He will teach us His: Statutes** – “thou shalt & thou shalt not”
Judgments – case laws are phrased “If a man” & we are to *observe them in the land*.

- **What is the “Fear of the LORD?”**

A feeling of reverence, awe, and respect of God, making God our top priority.

The Scriptures also declare that *“the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge”* (Prov 1:7) as well as *“the beginning of wisdom”* (Prov 16:16).

(v2) **We are to fear the LORD and keep His commandments.**

This passed on from generation to generation. The benefits are for *you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.*

- **Let us understand these commandments** - The ten laws given by God as guidelines for daily living. They are part of a covenant between God and His people (Ex 34:28; Deut 4:13; 10:4).

Although God gave the Ten Commandments to His people through Moses at Mount Sinai more than 3,000 years ago, they are still relevant today. They have an abiding significance, for God's character is unchangeable. These laws originate from God and from His eternal character; therefore, their moral value cannot change.

Jesus actually placed these laws on a higher plane by demanding that the spirit as well as the legal aspects of the law be kept. Jesus placed His eternal stamp of approval on the law by declaring, *“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill”* (Matt 5:17-19).

The Ten Commandments form the heart of the special COVENANT between God and His people. He told them, *“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people. ... And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation”* (Ex 19:5).

These verses also emphasize that their obedience to the Commandments was to be the basis of Israel's existence as the special people of God.

God never intended for the Ten Commandments to be a set of regulations by which the people of Israel would earn salvation. God's favor had already been freely granted! This was overwhelmingly demonstrated by His deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage (Deut 4:37). Therefore, at the heart of the covenant relationship lay an act of divine GRACE. (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)

- **Remember what Peter writes about New Testament believers in 1 Peter 2:9-10 - *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.***

(v3) **Hear & be careful to observe** - Do you want your life and house to be *flowing with milk and honey?*

> **Life Lesson #2 – WE MUST LOVE THE LORD! (v4-5)**

(v4) **Hear, O Israel.** Deuteronomy 6:4–9, known as the *Shema* (Heb. for “hear”), has become the Jewish confession of faith, recited twice daily by the devout, along with 11:13–21 and Num. 15:37–41.

- ***The LORD ... LORD is one.*** - The word used for “one” in this passage does not mean “singleness,” but “unity.” The same word is used in Genesis 2:24, where the husband and wife were said to be “one flesh.”

(v5) A solid disciple will love God with **all their heart**, with **all their soul**, & with **all their strength (actions)**.

- Jesus said in John 8:31-32 - *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

Jesus also said in John 15:7-8 - *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

> **Life Lesson #3 – WE MUST TEACH THE LORD! (v6-9)**

(Make disciples!)

(v6) The Word of God needs to be in our hearts and the hearts of our families!

Psalm 19:7-11 says, *The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;*

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

*More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.*

(v7) We must TEACH our children God's Word diligently in EXPLANATION, CONVERSATION, & APPLICATION (when we sit down, walk by the way, lie down and rise up).

**(v8) Bind His Word on your hands in service for one another and between your eyes, keeping your mind stayed upon God, in Hosea 4:6 we are warned, My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
*Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God,***

I also will forget your children.

- We must have a vision for His Kingdom! – Jesus promised His people in Matthew 6:33 - *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (God provides!)*

(v9) *Write them on the doorposts and gates of our house - Our home is a light to the community.*

- Today the Jewish homes will have the MEZUZAH on the doorposts – MEZUZAH is a small piece of parchment inscribed with the biblical passages Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21 and marked with the *Shaddai*, a name of the Almighty, that is rolled up in a container and affixed by many Jewish households to their door frames in conformity with Jewish law and as a sign of their faith.

- Deuteronomy 11:13-21 - *'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil. And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.'* Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them, lest the Lord's anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the Lord is giving you. *"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.*



Jesus said in Matthew 5:16- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- In Ephesians 6:1-4 - *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*

- *Training* is *paideia* (Gk.) - tutorage, education; whereas *admonition* is *nouthesia* (Gk.) - calling attention to, a mild rebuke or warning.

> Life Lesson #4 – WE MUST SERVE THE LORD! (v10-19)

(v10-11) Truly our promised land is in heaven!

- Jesus promised us the following in John 14:1-4 - *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

- Paul writes in Philippians 3:20-21 - *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,*

(v12) *Beware lest you forget the LORD!*

- *May we embrace Psalm 1* -

Blessed is the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

And in His law he meditates day and night.

He shall be like a tree

Planted by the rivers of water,

That brings forth its fruit in its season,

Whose leaf also shall not wither;

And whatever he does shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so,

But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,

Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

- *Notice the “shall” & the “shall not”:*

(v13) *You shall fear the Lord thy God and serve Him.*

(v14-15) *You shall not go after other gods.*

Let us look to Joshua's example in Joshua 24:14-15 - *“Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*

(v16) *You shall not tempt the Lord* (Massah - Ex. 17:7; a time of saying that God is not with them, a place of contention.)

(v17) *You shall diligently keep His commandments, His testimonies, & His statutes.*

(v18) *You shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD.*

> *Life Lesson #5 – MAY WE ALL BLESS THE LORD! (v20-25)*

(v20) Observe the question of our children, *“What is the meaning of the testimonies, statutes & judgments?”*

(v21-23) The testimony of Jesus is found in His command for all believers! Jesus said in Matthew 28:19-20 - *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

(v24) Follow His word (statutes) for our good and for life!

(v25) Judgment - it will be righteousness for us! Proverbs 14:34 - *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.*

~ Listen to this, it is called “THE HABIT OF BIBLE READING!”

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Most people, in their serious moods, must have some wonderment in their minds as to how things are going to stack up when the End comes. Laugh it off, toss it aside, as we may, **THAT DAY WILL COME. And THEN WHAT?** Well, it is the Bible that has the answer. And an unmistakable answer it is. There Is a God. There is a Heaven. There is a Hell. There is a Savior. There Will be a Day of Judgment. Happy the man, who, in the days of his flesh, makes his peace with the Christ of the Bible, and gets himself ready for the Final Take-Off.

How can any thoughtful person keep his heart from warming up to Christ, and to the Book that tells about Him? Everybody ought to love the Bible. Everybody, Everybody, Everybody!