

— Deuteronomy 6.4-9 —  
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**Final Thoughts**

Deut 6.4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 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.”

\* **Anyone** with children knows that bringing up children has a lot of joys and cuteness, but also involves a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. It’s easy to feel like you are being \_\_\_\_\_ by your children from the really important things in life. It’s easy to feel like you’re being sidelined from real \_\_\_\_\_ work, real \_\_\_\_\_ work, \_\_\_\_\_ others and building the church, and really giving \_\_\_\_\_ for God. But nothing could be further from the \_\_\_\_\_. Bringing up children in the training and instruction of the Lord (Eph 6.4) is front line \_\_\_\_\_ work, frontline \_\_\_\_\_, and frontline \_\_\_\_\_. It is as central to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as you can get.

\* **Vs 4 of Dt 6** is the “\_\_\_\_\_ Israel.” It was the central \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel. What was it saying?

\* **What is** our immediate response to be? (vs 4-6)

\* **What is** our next response to be? (vs 7-9)

Eph 5.17 Therefore ... understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And ... be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Col 3.16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Phil 2:14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, **15** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

\* **Loving** God means \_\_\_\_\_ in God, which means rejoicing in his \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_, and his \_\_\_\_\_. This, and nothing else, is true \_\_\_\_\_.

Neh 8.10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Ecc 10.16 Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes feast in the morning! 17 Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your princes feast at the proper time—for strength and not for drunkenness!

\* **All of** this is at the very heart of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for us and the world.

\* **The next** thing we need to see is that the discipleship, spiritual growth, and blessing of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ are all bound up together. They \_\_\_\_\_ or they \_\_\_\_\_ together. Everything God calls you to be and to do regarding your children is good for \_\_\_\_\_ as well as \_\_\_\_\_. It’s a lot of work, just like raising a crop in the field, but it’s good for the \_\_\_\_\_ as much as for the \_\_\_\_\_ in the field.

\* **This is** all part of God bringing us into his \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ himself took this path when he became one of us in  
the person of the Son Jesus Christ.

4) Read to your children; cultivate a love for good books.

\* **Some reminders:**

1) You can't \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_. You must do your best imitation of \_\_\_\_\_  
across the board. It's not just a matter of child raising; it's a  
matter of your own \_\_\_\_\_ for God and your own desire to  
be \_\_\_\_\_ him. Having said that, remember that \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ is not required, only genuine discipleship.

2) It is vital to biblically cultivate and capture the \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ of your children.

3) It is important to have some type of daily devotions or family  
worship. It is important for fathers to lead whenever possible.