

## Session 2 – Parenting from the Word

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As parents it is critical that we know what God’s will is for us; to understand what His purpose and goal is for our parenting, how to Biblically define successful parenting, and the need for humility before God on the topic of parenting.

There are roles for parents, duties to execute. God wants specific things from us as fathers and mothers. And we will get to that. But the big question that we want to answer now is, “As parents, what does God want from our hearts?” We just got the purpose/goal, we need the heart before we move on to the roles.

To understand this, we will turn to the book of Deuteronomy. Moses is about 120 years old and Deuteronomy comprises the farewell speeches that he gave to Israel just prior to his death. This is just prior to the Israelites entering the land that was promised to them. Deuteronomy is the last thing that Moses said to his people. The most important things said before nothing more could be said.

Here in Deuteronomy, Moses spoke much about God’s character and God’s people’s response based on that character. This passage is specifically to the nation of Israel, but we can glean much about what God desires for all those who are called to be His.

### Deuteronomy 6:4-9

1. Parenting begins with a \_\_\_\_\_ with the only true God. (v4)

2. Parenting flows from an \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ before God. (v5)

3. Parents must strive to intake \_\_\_\_\_  
into their mind. (v6)  
(Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Jeremiah 15:16)

4. Parents must strive to output the God's Word into \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (v7-9)

### Speak God's Word

1. "Shall teach them diligently"

2. "Shall talk of them when..."

### Display God's Word

### Conclusion

God, in His Word, has told His children how to define successful Christian parenting – faithfulness. He also shows us what he wants from us – to bow before Him, intake His Word, and impart His Word to our children. The only remaining questions are: Will you bow? Will you intake His Word? And will you impart God's powerful Words to your children? I pray the answer is yes for each of us.

## Session 2 – Additional Study

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 and answer the following questions.

Ask God to search your heart and show you how your life demonstrates what you view as the most important thing. What is the thing you want most?

If the thing you want most is not to glorify God, what should you do?

Read Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; and Psalm 119:9-11 and answer the following questions.

What can God's Word do powerfully in my heart?

Am I treasuring God's Word in my heart?

What does/would treasuring God's Word look like?

What differences would be evident in my life if I were treasuring God's Word in my heart (specific thoughts and deeds)?

Read Psalm 119 each day for one week.

What are all the different names that God gives to the Bible? What can I learn for how to view the Bible from this?

How is the Bible described? What can I learn for how to view the Bible from this? What place should the Bible have in my life?

How is the heart of the righteous man toward the Bible described?

Read Psalm 19 each day for one week.

What are the two types of revelation spoken of in this Psalm? How are they different? What is the impact of each on the recipient of the revelation?

What are the different names given to the Bible in Psalm 19:7-9? What can I learn for how to view the Bible from this?

What does the Bible do to the believer from Psalm 19:7-9? Am I experiencing this? Why or why not?

Does Psalm 19:14 describe my heart? If not, what needs to change so that it does?

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-15 and 1:5 and think about the impact a parent can have on their children and children's children when they themselves are faithful to study the Scriptures.

Does "faithful" describe you?

If not, what would have to change for you to be described as faithful to study the Scriptures and faithful to teach it to your children?