

PERPETUATING CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS

Deuteronomy 6:1-25

How to _____ ...and then _____ ... a Godly heritage through our children

- **THE NECESSITY OF _____ THE CHRISTIAN HOME/CHURCH (Deuteronomy 6:1-3).**
 - *Our knowledge of ...and our practice of God's Word is vital... to the building of our families' ...and also our church's reverence... toward God.*
 - *Future _____*
 - ~ *Israel's preservation as a nation... was directly tied to their obedience to God's Word: in the very same way... obedience to God's Word... is just as essential to our families' ...as well as our church's... spiritual preservation.*
 - ~ *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).*
 - *"_____ "... specifically refers to us as parents... seeing to it... that our children are exposed to God's Word*
 - ~ *Child training must be comprehensive and consistent. There are four areas to be reached and ruled. (John Phillips – Exploring Proverbs)*
 - *The first area is the _____ (Col. 3:2; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 10:3-5)*
 - *Second area to be reached and ruled is the _____ (Prov. 1:2-7; 2:1-6; 3:5-7, 11; 4:1-7; 13:24; 19:18; Matt. 12:35; Mark 10:14; John 14:26; Rom. 5:5; Eph. 1:13; James 4:1-2).*
 - *Third area to be reached and ruled is the _____. Genesis 18:17–19 shows the importance God places on this area of child training: "The Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do ...? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him." Abraham's family was marked by discipline, Isaac's by discord, and Jacob's by depravity. Children who do not learn to respect parental authority will learn to defy or challenge all authority.*
 - *Fourth area to be reached and ruled is the _____. You are born with knowledge of what is right and wrong.*
 - ~ *"Training" is a _____ between Trainer and Trainee.*
 - *Future _____*
 - ~ *Obedience to and practice of Biblical truth... will bring prosperity of soul to every believer*
 - *Future _____*
 - ~ **Deuteronomy 6:3** refers directly to Israel's physical propagation... it also involved spiritual increase.
 - ~ The way to prevent "Christian fallout" is to consistently teach... and then constantly and consistently obey... God's Word in the home: this pattern starts with the parents... and is instilled in the children while they're early in their development (Resource: *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Ted Tripp).
- **SIX ESSENTIALS APPLICATIONS IN PERPETUATING THE CHRISTIAN HOME/CHURCH.**

- *Genuine _____ For God (Deuteronomy 6:5)*
 - The three-time repeating of the word “ALL” emphasizes completeness and sincerity of love for God: Our intellect... our will... our emotions... and our physical strength.
 - It’s God’s plan for parents... to demonstrate a sincere commitment to Him... in front of our children
- *A Transfer Of Truth To _____ (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)*
 - It’s the continual teaching by gentle ...yet firm... instruction.
 - Children also need to be given freedom to experience God on their own: pray that God would meet a need of theirs... let heartache and pain be a motivator to go to the loving arms of their Savior. *Don’t remove God from their sufferings.* Let God become as real to them as He is to you.
- *A Sincere _____ For God’s Blessings (Deuteronomy 6:10-12)*
 - “*Beware lest thou forget...*” - we should stress a remembrance of “*where the blessings come*” more than that... we should stress: “*To WHOM it belongs.*”
 - “*God provided this for us*”... is an excellent expression for children to hear: the end result... is a thankfulness to God for the provisions of life... and not a gratitude to our employers.
- *A Godly Fear That _____ Authority (Deuteronomy 6:13-16)*
 - “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge*”. This reverential fear centers on a respect for God’s authority.
- *A Walk Of _____ (Deuteronomy 6:17-19)*
 - The evidence of God-fearing parents... is their obedience to God’s commands: children know when parents are ...or are not... obedient to God’s Word!
- *A Testimony To God’s _____ (Deuteronomy 6:20-25)*
 - Children in Christians homes... need a sense of their spiritual family roots... they need to hear the conversion story of their parents.
 - In response to children’s questions such as:
 - ~ “How come we read our Bible?”
 - ~ “Why do we go to church every Sunday?”
 - ~ “Why do we have certain standards?”

Children must see the sincere _____ of Biblical truth in the lives of their parents.