

## 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.*