

## LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Teach Your Children Well — Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
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And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.  
- Deuteronomy 6:6-7

### I. KNOWING, DOING, AND REMEMBERING

- God's teachings (commandments) are to be known, acted upon, and remembered. None of these are possible without teaching (Deut. 4:9; Ps. 78:5; Matt. 28:20).
- Obedience to God arises primarily from a holy fear (Gen. 22:12; Ex. 20:20; Job 1:1; Ps. 34:11; Prov. 1:7; Eccl.12:13; Acts 19:17; 1 Peter 2:17).
- Learning comes with repetition and reinforcement (Deut. 6:7-8; 11:19).
- The goal of the ancient creeds and confessions: clarification, teaching, quick recall.

### II. THE DUTY OF CHRISTIAN PARENTING

- To train themselves in godly living (Ps. 119:10; Jer. 29:13; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Eph. 4:11-16).
- To model a Christian marriage (Eph. 5:22-33).
- To seek the good of their children (1 Sam. 1:20-22; Heb. 12:5-11; Matt. 7:9-12; Eph. 6:4).
- To train their children (Deut. 6:1-9; 2 Tim. 1:5).

**F - Frame the day**

**I - Instruct**

**F - Fun activity**

**T - Train in godliness**

**E - Encourage**

**E - Equip**

**N - Nullify poor teaching**

**M - Memorize Scripture/creeds/poems**

**I - Inform**

**N - Navigate troubling issues**

**U - Utilize resources**

**T - Test**

**E - Empower (through prayer)**

**S - Summarize (Scripture, teaching)**

**KNOW:** One of the primary responsibilities of Christian parents is to train their children in the faith. To teach others, one must also be trained. To pass the primary education of our children in matters of faith on to others is a dangerous proposition.

**DO:** Be diligent in the task of training your children.

#### **Suggested Reading:**

*The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden* by Kevin DeYoung (LifePoint Library #J 230 DEY)

#### **Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families**

1. Have someone share good examples of how they were taught/trained by their parent(s). What was helpful?
2. What obstacles get in the way of our training/teaching our children? How might we overcome them?
3. Why do you think God set such a high priority on passing on his teachings to our children?
4. What do we do with children who don't want to listen?
5. What if one of the parents is a non-believer?
6. What about the church—what role does it play in training our children?
7. Talk about some good, practical steps to having family devotions.