

Discipleship is in the Family from the Beginning

(Deuteronomy 6:1-9)



Introduction

- "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. . . ²⁷God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.'" (Genesis 1:26a-27)
- ". . . that they may be one even as We are." (John 17:11)
- "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one." (John 17:22)

1. The Exhortation to Obey the God of the Word (vv. 1-3)

- "Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, ²so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. ³O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey." (Deut 6:1-3)

- "You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him and **cling** to Him. . ." (Deut 10:20)
- "You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and **cling** to Him." (Deut 13:4)

2. The Embracing of God's Character and Loving Relationship (vv. 4-5)

a. Embrace an accurate (healthy) _____

b. Embrace a loving (genuine) _____

3. The Essential Commitment to Train Children to Obey God's Word (vv. 6-9)

a. Constant preoccupation with and _____ in God's Word

... *MODEL TRAINING*

- "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart." (Deut 6:6)
- "Be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18)
- "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you." (Colossians 3:16)

b. Diligent formal _____ of God's Word

... *TEACH TRAINING*

- "You shall teach them diligently to your sons." (Deut 6:7a)

c. Repetitive informal _____ of God's Word

... *TALK TRAINING*

- "... 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 up." (Deut 6:7b)

d. Conforming _____ aspect of life to God's Word

... *HABIT TRAINING*

- "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.⁹ "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deut 6:8-9)

Conclusion

1. You can't impact others in your own _____
2. The zeal of your love for Christ is the foundation for your _____ for Christ.
3. Training involves _____ with and saturation in God's Word in order to teach God's Word and talk about God's Word.
4. Training is _____ labor, but promises great reward.
 - "My beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown." (Philippians 4:1)

Application

1. What presuppositions must be true in order for biblical discipleship to occur? What is necessary before discipleship can happen?
2. What is discipleship in practical terms? Does it have to be a one-on-one meeting? What is the best curriculum?
3. Why is discipleship so rare with adults in the church today? Why is discipleship so difficult? Why is discipleship so 'worth it'?
4. What fundamental and essential steps does the Deuteronomy 6:1-9 passage teach believers about discipleship?
5. What kind of detours seem to keep parents from actually discipling their children? How could they better stay on track?
6. Why is the Word of God and a genuine relationship with Christ so crucial to the process of discipleship?
7. What steps will you take this week to move toward intentional relationships for the purpose of growth in Christ?

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