

How to be a Successful Father (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

The Book of Life – Part 1
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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) *For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

1. _____ God's Word

Deuteronomy 6:1 (NIV) *These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,*

A. _____ the Lord

Deuteronomy 6:2a (NIV) *so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you ...*

B. _____ long life

Deuteronomy 6:2b (NIV) *... and so that you may enjoy long life.*

2. _____ God's Word

Deuteronomy 6:3a (NIV) *Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey ...*

A. All will go _____

Deuteronomy 6:3b (NIV) *... so that it may go well with you ...*

B. _____ greatly

Deuteronomy 6:3c (NIV) *... and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you.*

3. _____ God

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV) *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.*

A. With _____ you are

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV) *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

B. Keep His Word in your _____

Deuteronomy 6:6 (NIV) *These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.*

4. _____ your children God's Word

Deuteronomy 6:7a (NIV) *Impress them on your children ...*

A. _____ about God's Word continually

Deuteronomy 6:7b (NIV) *... Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

B. _____ about God's Word

Deuteronomy 6:8 (NIV) *Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.*

C. _____ God's Word

Deuteronomy 6:9 (NIV) *Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

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Intro. How would you explain to someone why they ought to read the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

In what ways is the word of God living and active (Hebrews 4:12)?

1A. Why was it important for the Israelites to study God's Word (Deuteronomy 6:1)?

1B. What are the benefits of learning God's Word (Deuteronomy 6:2)?

1C. How can you grow in making the study of God's Word a priority in your life? Be specific.

2A. What does it mean to "be careful to obey" (Deuteronomy 6:3a)?

2B. What are the benefits to obedience to God's Word (Deuteronomy 6:3b)?

2C. Why is so many deceived into thinking that merely learning God's Word brings blessing (James 1:22-25)?

3A. What does it mean to love God with all you have and are (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)?

3B. What practical ways could you keep God's Word in your heart (Deuteronomy 6:6)?

4A. In what ways can a father impress God's Word on his children (Deuteronomy 6:7a)?

4B. How should the talk of a believer be completely different than the talk of an unbeliever (Deuteronomy 6:7b)?

4C. How could you think and meditate on God's Word more often (Deuteronomy 6:8, Psalm 1:1-2)?

4D. Why is it important to spread God's Word and truth beyond your own family (Deuteronomy 6:9, Psalm 35:28)? Discuss how you could do this.