

FAMILY – PART I

Teaching our kids to love and obey God
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Taking it Home:

1. How important is it to you that the children in your life grow up to celebrate God's love and appreciate His role in their lives? What practical steps can you take to influence your children or grandchildren spiritually?

Prayer Concerns:

Christian parents teach their kids to...

1. _____ and _____ the Lord. [1-3]

Fearing God is standing in awe of God in utmost reverence and respect. It acts as a most blessed restraint upon evil thoughts, words, ways, and evil in every shape and form.

2. _____ the Lord and His _____. [4-9]

*God intends _____ to be the _____
_____ of their children.*

3. _____ and _____ for God's _____.
[10-12]

4. _____ and _____ the Lord. [13-25]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. As a child, who was your greatest spiritual influence?

Digging Deeper:

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-25

1. What are the commands, decrees, and laws parents are directed to teach to their children and grandchildren? [See Deuteronomy 5:1-22]
2. What are some of the prominent influences shaping children's lives today?
3. On Sunday Dan shared this quote from C. H. Macintosh [1820-1896]: *"It is of little use attempting to teach our children the Word of God if our lives are not governed by that Word."* What do you think of that statement? How does teaching without living God's Word impact our children?
4. How would your children [or grandchildren] complete this sentence? *"What Mom and Dad want most for me is..."*
5. What does it mean to fear the Lord? How can we teach our children to have this healthy reverence for God?
6. Reread verses 4-9. How have you put this into practice in your family? Or, if you haven't, how can you start now?
7. Reread verses 10-12 and 20-23. How can you build traditions that teach your kids and grandkids about God's love, faithfulness, and goodness?