

Families Are For Learning

Text: Deuteronomy 6:1–9

Introduction

Families provide the best learning opportunities. God intended the family to be the primary source of learning. The values and attitudes that determine our quality of life are learned at home with our family members.

Message

1. Learning about God.

- a. It is insightful to remember that God is referred to in the Bible as “our Father.”
- b. To know God as faithful, loving, and forgiving is to open one’s life to spiritual growth.

2. Learning about life.

- a. Life is for living, but where does one learn how? The family.
- b. Examples are discovered in the family.
 - (1) Parents must live what they teach.
 - (2) Attitudes are more caught than taught.
- c. Principles for wholesome living are in God’s Word (Ephesians 4:25–30).
 - (1) Honesty (Ephesians 4:25).
 - (2) Self-control (Ephesians 4:26).
 - (3) Integrity (Ephesians 4:28).
 - (4) Diligence (Ephesians 4:28).
 - (5) Unselfishness (Ephesians 4:28).
 - (6) Discretion (Ephesians 4:29).
 - (7) Concern (Ephesians 4:29).
 - (8) Sensitiveness to God (Ephesians 4:30).
- d. Deeds done unto the Lord have lasting influence.

3. Learn about worship.

- a. More than a Scripture and a prayer (though that is a start).
- b. Spiritual leadership should be the role of both father and mother.
 - (1) How do you play the game of life?
 - (2) What comes across home plate?
 - (3) Family altar calls for sacrifice.
 - (4) Family worship in the family pew builds strength for posterity.

Conclusion

1. Learn to express appreciation for each family member.
2. Learn to support one another in life’s changes.

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