

# THE GOOD NEWS STARTS AT HOME

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP: TIME



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## BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF FAMILY:

God designed the family as a **gracious gift**, marked by both **order** and **challenge**, and intended it to be the primary context in which **faith and knowledge of God** are passed from generation to generation.

### GRACIOUS GIFT:

“ Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. <sup>4</sup> Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth.”

PSALM 127:3-4 (NIV)

### CHALLENGE:

“ Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.”

PSALM 127:1 (NIV)

### ORDER:

“ Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

EXODUS 20:12 (NIV)

“ And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

EPHESIANS 5:21 (NLT)

“ For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord.”

EPHESIANS 5:22 (NLT)

“ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her.”

EPHESIANS 5:25 (NLT)

“ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

EPHESIANS 6:4 (NIV)

### FAITH PASSED ON:

“ We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. <sup>5</sup> He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children <sup>6</sup> so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. <sup>7</sup> Then they would put their trust in God.”

PSALM 78:4b-7a (NIV)

## MAKING DISCIPLES STARTS AT HOME:

“ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 (NIV)

1. Best takes place within a larger \_\_\_\_\_ .

“ Moses summoned all Israel and said:”

DEUTERONOMY 5:1 (NIV)

2. Must start in \_\_\_\_\_ .

“ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:5-6 (NIV)

3. Needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_ focus.

“ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:7 (NIV)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Times. “sit at home”
- \_\_\_\_\_ Times. “along the road”
- \_\_\_\_\_ Times. “lie down and get up”

#### FAMILY DEVOTION IDEAS:

First Baptist @ Home - [www.fbclodi.org/at-home](http://www.fbclodi.org/at-home)

Right Now Media - [www.fbclodi.org/rightnow-media](http://www.fbclodi.org/rightnow-media)

Family Cube Game (Dice)

Body, Mind, Soul Challenge

4. Has to be \_\_\_\_\_ .

“ Talk about them...”

DEUTERONOMY 6:7a (NIV)

5. Has to be \_\_\_\_\_ .

“ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.  
Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

DEUTERONOMY 6:8-9 (NIV)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

COMMUNITY GROUP VIDEOS available on the APP |      

- 1 - The message began with the emotion of praying “Jesus for my family.” Why do you think family touches such a deep place in our hearts? Where have you felt both joy and pain in your own family journey?
- 2 - Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 together. What stands out to you about God’s design for passing faith from one generation to the next?
- 3 - The message emphasized that discipleship must start in our own hearts. What does it look like to keep your “cup” filled by Christ rather than looking to family or others for ultimate fulfillment?
- 4 - Family discipleship is described as regular, verbal, and visible. Which of those comes most naturally to you? Which is most challenging in this season of life?
- 5 - Think about everyday rhythms – meal time, drive time, bed time. What is one practical step you could take this week to bring more Christ-centered intentionality into your home?
- 6 - How can our church community better support one another in making disciples at home?

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