

MULTIPLY HOPE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

*Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.*

Psalm 127:3 (NLT)

- Do kids really matter, and if so, am I willing to sacrifice to make sure they have every opportunity to know Jesus and grow in their faith?

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 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 upon your hearts. 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. 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 6:4-9 (NIV)

1. It doesn't MATTER what you KNOW if you don't KNOW what really MATTERS.

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NIV)

➤ To SHARE and LIVE OUT true PRIORITIES before our children.

2. To focus on RELATIONSHIPS more than RULES.

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV)

*In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?"*

Deuteronomy 6:20 (NIV)

*Tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand."*

Deuteronomy 6:21 (NIV)

➤ SHOW your LOVE to your children and they will more readily FOLLOW your rules.

3. It has to be IN YOU before it can ever be IN THEM.

*These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.*

Deuteronomy 6:6 (NIV)

➤ Our children learn more from what they SEE in us than what they HEAR from us.

4. There is no substitute for the QUANTITY of QUALITY time.

*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)

- To not miss TEACHABLE MOMENTS... we can't predict them, but we can be prepared for them.

5. What is worth REMEMBERING is worth REPEATING.

*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)

- INVOLVE your children with people and places that hold and strengthen your values.