

## FAMILIES THAT... WALK TOGETHER

*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 upon 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. 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)

- DETERMINE and RELATE true PRIORITIES before your children.

*And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?*

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 (NIV)

2. 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)

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

*And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord.*

Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

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.

*In everything set them an example by doing what is good.*

Titus 2:7 (NIV)

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)

- Don't miss TEACHABLE MOMENTS, always be prepared for them.

*Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.*

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

5. What's worth REMEMBERING is worth REPEATING.

*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 6:8-9 (NIV)

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

*Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

❖ How is your walk at home?