

# Family First

Godly parenting begins with parents having a healthy relationship with God. Deut. 6:1-6

- Fearing God is central to our connecting to His purposes and blessings. Deut. 4:10; 6:2
- All-encompassing love for God is the catalyst of reverent obedience. Deut. 6:4,5

The spiritual vitality of our children should be on our radar, morning to night. Deut. 6:7-9

- **Create a filter** to assess how your family's limited resources can best be applied.
  1. What is our end-goal for this activity? How is it contributing to eternity?
  2. Is this activity moving our child toward God or away from Him?

We need to listen, remember, and make public what God has done in our lives. Psalm 78:1,2

We need to create a Christ-centered legacy in our children's lives. Psalm 78:3-6

- Show them how to imitate the character of God.
- Show them how to chew on the Word of God.
- Create the "Generational Effect".

We need to get our hands dirty in order to see results in our children's lives. Psalm 78:7

- We desire that they will put their trust in God.
- We desire that they will remember God's deeds.
- We desire that they will keep God's commands.

We're always ONE generation away from seeing the house crumble. Ps. 78:40-43; Jud. 2:7-10

We are raising kids in an environment that makes it very easy to forget God. Deut. 6:10-12

- Much of our children's sense of God's relevance hinges on His relevance in our lives.

## Further Study and Pondering:

1. Assess how effective you currently are in spiritually building into your kids. Explain.
2. Further Study on the fear of God: (Exodus 20:18-21; Deut. 8:1-6; Joshua 4:23,24; Psalm 22:23; 25:12-14; 66:16-20; Proverbs 1:7; 2:1-22; Daniel 6:16-28; Acts 7:30-34; 9:31; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11)
3. How does the fear of God impact you? What ways can you build it into your children?
4. Begin to apply the above mentioned filter to your family's activities. Eternal goals.
5. What "Christ-centered legacy" do you want to leave w/ your children? Develop goals.
6. What generations do you come from? What do you want to continue/want to stop?
7. Prayer: Spend significant time on your knees praying for the next generation.

# Committed to Building Future Generations