



Deuteronomy 6

The Church and Home in Covenant with One Another: a Plan Designed to Work



John Piper
(World Magazine)

“America is now one of the top four nations in the world with the largest unchurched population.”

TRANSFORMING CHILDREN INTO SPIRITUAL CHAMPIONS

Results of a 2-year study of the “evangelical” church in

America by *George Barna* show:

- ▶ 93% of young people consider themselves to be Christian by age 13
- ▶ 35% are “absolutely committed” to Christian faith
- ▶ 4% affirm orthodox beliefs
- ▶ This study is now 5 years old and the numbers are still declining
- ▶ 75% of 15 year-olds are leaving the church



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Research summary:

If you want to have a lasting influence upon the world (or the church), you must invest in people’s lives; and if you want to maximize that investment, then you must invest in those people while they are young.

MALACHI 4:6 LUKE 1:17



BREAKDOWN OF GENERATIONS

THE BRIDGER GENERATION

by Thom Rainer

- ▶ Builders (pre WWII) 65%
 - ▶ Boomers 35%
 - ▶ Busters 15%
 - ▶ Bridgers 4%
- (page 169)



PRESENTING CHRIST TO CHILDREN

Can we effectively implement Deuteronomy 6 in this culture at this time?



And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them **diligently** to your children, and shall talk of them when you *sit in your house*, and when you *walk by the way*, and when you *lie down*, and when you *rise*.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

One more thing to tell them...

DEUTERONOMY 7

YOU ARE CHOSEN...A "NEW"

World View...and it is not about you!



THINK ORANGE - REGGIE JOINER

SIT IN YOUR HOUSE.....MEAL TIME

Formal Discussions - **Teacher** - Establish Values

WALK BY THE WAY.....DRIVE TIME

Informal Dialogue - **Friend** - Interpret Life

LIE DOWN.....BED TIME

Intimate Conversation - **Counselor** - Build Intimacy

RISE.....MORNING/BREAKFAST TIME

Encouraging Words - **Coach** - Instill Purpose

Telling God's Story

Listen, O my people to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord. For He established a **testimony** in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers that they should teach them to their children, that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should **put their confidence in God** and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

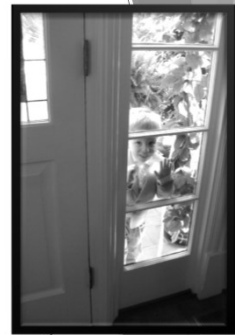
Psalm 78:1-7

The Deuteronomy 6 Model

- 1 - that you may DO them
- 2 - fear God, you and your sons
- 3 - that you may multiply greatly in a prosperous land
- 4 - Lord is one
- 5 - **love** him with everything
- 6 - put His words on your heart
- 7 - diligently teach as your **WAY OF LIFE**
- 8 - on your hand, between your eyes
- 9 - on the doorpost and the gates
- 10 - Lord will give you cities you did not build
- 11 - houses you did not fill, cisterns you did not dig, vineyards you did not plant, when you eat **remember...**
- 12 - from what the Lord has delivered you



Are we telling our God stories so that our children are continually seeing proof of His faithfulness and sufficient grace?



PSALM 78:8

To reach the next generation with the truth...to truly make kingdom disciples...We must become a visibly repentant generation of family and church leaders.



Ephesians 3:20-21 (The Message)

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Glory to God in the church!
Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!
Glory down all the generations!
Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

- ▶ GOSPEL - POWERED PARENTING by William P. Farley
- ▶ SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART and INSTRUCTING A CHILD'S HEART by Ted Tripp
- ▶ HEART OF THE HOME by Priscilla Stewart and Sue Jakes
- ▶ PARENTING BY GOD'S PROMISES by Joel Beeke
- ▶ HEIRS OF THE COVENANT by Susan Hunt
- ▶ WORLD-PROOF YOUR KIDS and OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM. by Tim Sizemore
- ▶ PARENTING IN THE PEW by Robbie Castleman
- ▶ HOW CHILDREN RAISE PARENTS by Dan Allender

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

- ▶ HYMNS FOR A CHILD'S HEART any volume available by Joni Earekson Tada
- ▶ THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE by Sally Lloyd-Jones
- ▶ READ-ALoud BIBLE STORIES Vols. 1-4 by Ella K. Lindvall
- ▶ THE CHILD'S STORY BIBLE by Catherine F. Vos
- ▶ MY ABC BIBLE VERSES CURRICULUM by Susan Hunt
- ▶ GOD'S STORY BIBLE COLORING BOOK by Great Commission Publications
- ▶ PILGRIM'S PROGRESS adapted by Great Commission Publications
- ▶ ONE YEAR OF DINNER TABLE DEVOTIONS by Nancy Guthrie
- ▶ TRAINING HEARTS, TEACHING MINDS by Starr Meade
- ▶ NAMES OF GOD and PROMISES OF GOD by Sally Michael

- ▶ "Gracious God, I come again to seek the grace I need for filling rightly my place as a parent. I ask of Thee to imprint deep on my heart the solemn thought that I can effectively teach my children only what I really teach myself, and that I can expect only the truth that influences my own life really to influence theirs.

"O my God, I think with shame of how much I reprove in them that is only the reflection of what they have seen in me. I confess how much there has been wanting of that spirit of childlike love and self-denial, of joyful obedience to Thee and thoughtful self-sacrifice for others, which would have been to them the highest education. O my God, forgive me what is past, and give me grace in everything to teach myself what I want to teach my children.

"Make me feel deeply that it is as I live as an obedient child with my Father in heaven that I can teach my children and expect them to be obedient to me. Lord, may childlike simplicity and obedience be the atmosphere my home breathes, the bond that makes parents and children one. As I think of my own slowness in learning, may I be very patient and gentle with my children, and yet full of hope that the lessons I impart to them will have their effect.

"Jesus, Master, teach Thou me, that with Thy teaching I may teach my loved ones. Amen."

How To Raise Your Children For Christ, by Andrew Murray

Who can change a
sinner's heart?
The Holy Spirit alone

