

# AT HOME SERIES SUMMER 2012

BUILDING INTENTIONAL FAMILIES  
CREATING A DEFENSIBLE CHRISTIANITY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“CHRISTIANITY AT HOME AND FOREVER”**

*BUILDING INTENTIONAL CHRISTIAN FAMILIES*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Maturity, Marriage, Family, Discipleship, Christianity**

**Introduction to the Text:**

**Deut 6:4-9**

The first is what you might call **"the curriculum for life."** What is it that **parents** are to teach their **children**? The answer is,

## **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

“Hear, O **Israel**: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! **:5 You** shall love the LORD **your** God with all **your** heart, with all **your** soul, and with all **your** strength. **:6** “And these words which I command **you** today shall be in **your** heart. **:7 You** shall teach **them** diligently to your **children**, and shall talk of them when **you** sit in **your** house, when **you** walk by the way, when **you** lie down, and when **you** rise up. **:8 You** shall bind them as a sign on **your** hand, and they shall be as frontlets between **your** eyes. **:9 You** shall write them on the doorposts of **your** house and on **your** gates.

**"the curriculum for life."**

## **Genesis 1:28**

Then God blessed **them**, and God said to **them**, **“Be fruitful and multiply**; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

## The Concept of Family

**That Command from God was given to not only Adam and Eve** but to the entire human race of families. It is the family of mankind that God has given justification, stewardship control over the earth. – the family.

## According to the Sciences,

It takes a Man and Woman together to create another Human life

## According to Theology

It takes a Man and Woman together to create another Human life in the Bond of Marriage = a family

## But How Is a Family Built?

What makes a family a great family – it's not being a Rothschild or DuPont, it's not being famous or powerful.

# CHRISTIANITY AT HOME AND FOREVER

*BUILDING AN INTENTIONAL CHRISTIAN FAMILY*

## 1.) **Creating an impact**

**vs.4-5**

### Deuteronomy 6:4-5

“Hear, O **Israel**: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! :5 **You** shall love the LORD **your** God with **all your heart**, with **all your soul**, and with **all your strength**.”

## CREATING AN IMPACT

### 1a.) Impacting them from your **heart**

**v.5**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

“Hear, O **Israel**: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! :5 **You** shall love the LORD **your** God with **all your heart**,

**heart**

**(Understanding, passion, awareness, being)**

**Ephesians 6:1**

Children, **obey your parents** in the Lord, for this is right.

“Obey – there is no disconnect between what they say and do =  
Do as they are”

**CREATING AN IMPACT**

**1b.) Impacting them comes from your **soul** vs.4-5**

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

“Hear, O **Israel**: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! :5 **You** shall love the LORD **your** God... with **all your soul**,

**soul**

**(Your decisions, your will, your choices)**

**CREATING AN IMPACT**

**1c.) Impacting them comes from your **strength** vs. 4-5**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

“Hear, O **Israel**: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! :5 **You** shall love the LORD **your** God... with **all your strength**.

## Strength

(Energy, zeal, efforts, actions, conduct)

Your kids are watching everything you do  
and they will mimic you,  
Which is totally biblical – they will be a little you until they  
become just like you.

### 1 Corinthians 4:15-16

For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have many fathers*; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.  
:16 Therefore I urge you, **imitate** me.

Mimic Me – Because They Will Mimic the One(s) Who Get to Them First.

## CHRISTIANITY AT HOME AND FOREVER *BUILDING AN INTENTIONAL CHRISTIAN FAMILY*

2.) **Getting up and out**

vs.6-7

### Deuteronomy 6:6-7

:6 “And these words which **I command you** today shall be in **your** heart. :7 **You** shall **teach them** diligently to your **children**, and shall **talk of them** when **you sit in your** house, when **you walk by the way**, when **you lie down**, and when **you rise up**.

Turn Biblical Christianity loose and watch what happens.  
(I am so blown away with what I hear families are doing in this church)

## GETTING UP AND OUT

2a.) **Show them a Technicolor Word**

vs. 6-7

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

:6 “And these words which **I command you** today shall be in **your** heart. :7  
**You** shall **teach them** diligently to your **children**,

**Diligently**

**(To prick the heart & mind, stimulate, generate, cause, to excite)**

Life / Clouds / Bugs / Birds / Waves / Road Trips / Tide Pools

Imagine

# Life Unplugged

No i-Pads unless you're googling clouds, bugs, waves...

## GETTING UP AND OUT

**2b.) Give them a life shaping thought**

**v.7**

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

...and shall **talk of them** when **you sit in your** house,

## Jesus Taught By Parables

(Applicable illustrations from everyday life)

“Consider the sparrows...”

“The kingdom of heaven is like...”

“There once was a farmer who went forth...”

“There is a Way of Preaching  
That Kills”

**The Bible is Alive – Don't Kill It in The Minds of Your Kids**

## The Humming Bird @ The Wedding between the bride and groom

### GETTING UP AND OUT

2c.) **Help them** to see a **loving** of God

v.7

#### Deuteronomy 6:6-7

When **you** walk by the way, =

When **you** lie down, =

And when **you** rise up. =

## From Your House and Beyond “*Buzz Lightyear*”

Ask them for questions. Give them answers. Learn about stuff together.

Install / implant / condition / repeat

## CHRISTIANITY AT HOME AND FOREVER

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3.) **Leaving** a legacy

vs. 8-9

#### Deuteronomy 6:8-9

**You** shall bind them as a sign on **your** hand, and they shall be as frontlets between **your** eyes. :9 **You** shall write them on the doorposts of **your** house and on **your** gates.

## A legacy is what we are leaving behind.

I saw this week an investment firm that was called “The Legacy Group” That’s a pretty good name for a company that deals in summons future AND the future of their family. – As Christians I believe that we are to have wills and living trusts and powers of attorney in the waiting.

What will you leave your children and grandchildren when you die?  
??? Money, House, Tea cups, Gold, VW ???

## LEAVING A LEGACY

3a.) Leaving them a legacy of **faith**

**v.8**

Deuteronomy 6:8

**You** shall bind them **as a sign** on **your** hand,

**As a sign** on **your** hand

**Sign**

**Beacon, monument, prodigy, (something marvelous) evidence.**

**You right is for war, love, comfort, provision, acceptance protection etc.**

**Leaving them a real true Faith in Jesus Christ**

*Faith by definition is radical. Faith in action is critical.*

“BUT HOW CAN I DO THIS?”

*So glad you asked*

## Look at God’s Bible(s)

Romans 10:17

So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by **the word of God.**

**Psalm 19:1-2**

**The heavens declare** the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. :2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. :3 *There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.*

**!!! Present these truths to your kids !!!**

**LEAVING A LEGACY**

**3b.) Leaving them a legacy of values**

**v.9**

**Deuteronomy 6:8-9**

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*Leaving them a good argument - for good values.*

This is the season to communicate your values  
That's activating your **biblical worldview** - **in your home**.  
Your worldview begins at home and **emanates out from there**.

**As Parents – we are leaving a legacy for the +/-**

**:9 You** shall write them on the doorposts of **your** house and on **your** gates.

**(Wherever they go – it's in their head and heart)**  
**College / Business / Marriage / Ministry / Vacation / you name it**

## LEAVING A LEGACY

### 3c.) Leaving them a legacy of **servanthood worship** v.9

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*Leaving them a servanthood worship example of leadership.*

### **I performed a wedding last night**

and just after the couple exchanged their vows **BUT** before I announced “you are now husband and wife” – **they washed one another’s feet**  
(In front of all their friends and family)

### **Servanthood / worship**

**(Never stop doing this – keep Jesus in the center)**

Let your kids see your Christian life – warts and all.

***End of Message***