

## Biblical Worldview

### Gender, Singleness, Marriage and Family

#### Week 8: Biblical Family

##### Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (CSB)

*"This is the command—the statutes and ordinances—the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, so that you may follow them in the land you are about to enter and possess. <sup>2</sup>Do this so that you may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life by keeping all his statutes and commands I am giving you, your son, and your grandson, and so that you may have a long life. <sup>3</sup>Listen, Israel, and be careful to follow them, so that you may prosper and multiply greatly, because the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you a land flowing with milk and honey.*

*<sup>4</sup>"Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.*

##### Section 1: The Command (v. 1-5)

*"This is the command"*: I'm not sure what you think of when you hear the word command...but commands are NOT suggestions that are meant to be negotiated. Of course, the command only carries as much weight as the one making the command. Moses states in verse 1 that the command comes from the Lord your God. So, this isn't just some random out of the blue command that is about to be given. Not only does this command come from God Himself, it is a command that we are commanded to pass down to each passing generation.

What is this great command that is so vital that God Himself has given it to us directly? *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.* Loving God is a command; thus, it is not optional. This particular command to love God wasn't just limited to the Old Testament saints. In Matthew 22:34-40 (CSB) is states:

*<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. <sup>35</sup>And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup>He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and most important command. <sup>39</sup>The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."*

Jesus reaffirms that loving God is a command. In fact, it is the greatest command.

Question: how do we love God? Jesus explains this in: John 14:15; John 14:23-24; John 15:9-10.

Your love for God is directly tied to your obedience to His Word. As you are obedient to the Word of God not only does your love for God grow but so does your faith and sanctification. Romans 10:17; John 17:17.

##### Discussion Questions:

- ❖ Why must we love God?
- ❖ What is the primary way to grow our faith?
- ❖ How does the Word of God help us grow in sanctification?

## Section 2: Remembering/Teaching the Command (v. 6-9)

*<sup>6</sup>These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.*

We are told to first to hide this command in our heart and then second repeat them to our children. There is a one obvious reason we must hide God's Word in our hearts and teach our children to do the same: we will face temptation. We have a battle field we wake up to every day.

John 17:14-19 (CSB): *<sup>14</sup>I have given them your word. The world hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not praying that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>I sanctify myself for them, so that they also may be sanctified by the truth.*

There is a great balance that all believers must learn to navigate...being in the world but not of the world. We've seen all sorts of reactions to this idea: from one extreme of compounds, off-grid living to the other extreme of embracing everything. This is why discipleship is so vital to a family. Children need parents not only teaching them to love God but showing them how to love and follow God in a broken world.

The greatest gift a parent can give a child...a life walking in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-26 (CSB):

*<sup>16</sup>I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

*<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things. <sup>24</sup>Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

How do you know you are walking in the Spirit? You are producing the fruit of the Spirit. As a church, living a life marked by the fruit of the Spirit is exactly what the next generation needs. We will dive more into this in the coming weeks when we go through Galatians.

### Discussion Questions:

- ❖ What is the primary responsibility of parents to their child?
- ❖ Why should the church be marked by people that walk in the Spirit?
- ❖ What does Galatians 5:22-26 teach us about what it looks like to be walking in the Spirit?