

WORD 2022

Fathers

Atmosphere – Awareness - Anticipation

Mothers

Investment – Involvement - Interaction

Look Around!

You

ATMOSPHERE OF PREPAREDNESS

Atmosphere – Awareness – Anticipation

- A surrounding influence or environment (Webster Dictionary)
- Do we pray and believe for something beyond the ordinary ???

Raise them up, train them, teach them, empower them

God's Plan - Genesis 18:17-19

Deuteronomy 6:1-13

6 Main Responsibilities

1. Learn. vs. 1-2 "These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you. You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy, 2 and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the Lord your God as long as you live. If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. The first task we're called to is to learn God's Word for ourselves.

- The word "teach" has the idea of "training in order to be able to do something."
- "You can't impart what you don't carry"

2. Live It. - vs. 3 Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

- Live it starts with listening!

3. Love.

- vs. 4 "Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.
 - Listen, it is all about our God and our God alone!!!!
 - This is the beginning of the Jewish Shema, which literally means, "Hear!" or we might say, "Listen up!" It can also mean "to listen intelligently and attentively; to obey."
- **vs. 5** And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.
 - We are commanded to love God with everything we've got!
 - A.W. Tozer once said we're called to "an everlasting preoccupation with God."
 - **"Our primary call isn't to be good parents. Our primary call is to model a vibrant and vital love relationship with the living God."**
- **vs. 6** And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today
 - God's Word is not to just be in our heads, but also in our hearts.

4. Lead. vs. 7-9 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8 Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- “every home as a little church”
- Home “the seminary of the church”
- Teaching truth intentionally!
- Talk truth relationally
- Reggie Joiner **“The principle of rhythm is transferable to every culture throughout all time. Generally speaking, all people groups get up with the sun, move around during the day, share meals and sleep throughout the night...it is important for parents to cooperate with the way life naturally happens.”**

| • Times | Communication | Goal |
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| • Morning Time | Encouraging Words | Instill Purpose |
| • Meal Time | Formal Discussion | Establish Values |
| • Drive Time | Informal Dialogue | Interpret Life |
| • Bed Time | Intimate Conversation | Build Intimacy |

