

Dear Pastor

Seventy percent of all Christians were invited to Christ by a parent or Sibling and yet fewer than one out of ten churches makes a regular weekly effort to EQUIP PARENTS to disciple their own children.

A good starting place might be our bulletin inserts on the previous page or God's COMMANDS to parents.... the second half of the greatest commandment Deut. 6:5-9 The verses after the AND ... (Six you shall in 4 verses) "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ 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. 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.

We will start with the end of verse 7 because IT IS SIMPLE LIFELONG AND UNBELIEVABLY powerful: "talk of them when you lie down, and when you rise." ...there is no better help for Christian Parents than a bedside bible calendar...starting and ending each day with thoughts of God then praying together that God move the verse from your heads to your hearts... purchase a bedside bible calendar or follow the guide at <https://bibleparent.com/flips.html> to make your own...then

Middle of Verse 7 "talk of them when you sit in your house," (We like best the Bible Coloring pages at www.bibleparent.com) Put some out as parent takehome so families TALK while they color then go to

verse 9 "write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates"...just the place for the pages you just colored...a constant in home REMINDER to both parent and child....TWO good reasons to download as many coloring pages as your church has parents. Then

Back to middle of verse seven; "when you walk by the way"...There is nothing like walking to help parent and child focus on each other, memories that will last a lifetime...try the 20 plus different kinds of walks at www.bibleparent.com...

Then verse six: "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts." In other words "If we are to see our children saved we must let God save us utterly, completely and daily.

If EQUIPPING PARENTS WAS NOT A KEY ISSUE God would never have connected these four verses to the greatest commandment by the word AND.

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