

Building Successful Families as a Church

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Introduction:

- What is the basic unit of society? (circle your answer)
jobs the economy political parties the family
- God has given a stewardship to the church to b_____ successful families.
- Our text is Deut 6:4-9
 1. This became known as the Shema, which means to h_____ (the first word of the passage).
 2. Jewish people recite this passage at the b_____ of their synagogue services.
 3. M_____ are required to recite this passage twice per day.
 4. The teaching of this text is reemphasized in the New Testament.

Wholehearted commitment to the L_____ (vv. 4,5)

- The LORD is _____ God.
 1. Ps 33:12 – *How blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD*
 2. In order for a nation to say this, requires the families within to be committed to the Lord.
 3. The word LORD is in all capitals for a reason – represents the Hebrew n_____ of God, Yahweh, which means He is, stressing His eternal nature.
- The LORD is _____
 1. God revealed Himself more and more as time went on, the final revelation being made in J_____ (Heb 1:1-3; Col 1:15; Jn 14:9).
 2. Today we must confess Jesus as L_____ in the sense of Yahweh (Rom 10:9-13). This text quotes Joel 2:32, which is taking about Yahweh, but Paul applies it to Jesus.
 - a. This is not a mere agreement on who Jesus is. The d_____ agree on who Jesus is, but tremble (Matt 8:29; Jms 2:19).
 - b. This is not a mere religious confession (Matt 7:21-23).
- You must love the Lord with all your h_____, soul, and strength.
- The church's responsibility is to make d_____ (which means to seek to bring people to Christ)

1. We must do this in l_____ group settings (worship, events)
2. We must do this in s_____ group settings (bible study, VBS, youth groups, etc.)
3. We must do this individually by p_____ for the lost within our church and through personal conversation.
4. Families within the church must do the same to their family (pray, encourage family members to love Christ).

Wholehearted commitment to His w_____ (vv. 6-9)

●Reference to the h_____ - God's word must be on our hearts.

1. This requires us to l_____ to what Jesus says and to l_____ it out (see Matt 7:24-27)
2. The church must hold scripture to be the final authority in all matters of faith and practice:
 - a. In our teachings
 - b. In our a_____

●Reference to the h_____

1. Families must t_____ God's word diligently throughout the day (*when you sit, walk, lie down, get up*).
 - a. Family devotions before you go to bed is not enough.
 - b. Bring every aspect of living from God's _____
2. V_____ reminders are important (*put them on your hand, doorposts, gates*)
 - a. Unlike the people of Israel, we all have God's word in our h_____ (Bible, cell phones).
 - b. Decorate your home with reminders to keep yourself seeing things from God's viewpoint.

●As a church, we compliment what families should be practicing and build people to love God fully and live effectively:

1. By t_____ God's word
2. By encouraging one another to a_____ God's word
3. By holding one another a_____ when we violate God's word.