

## FAMILY #1 DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

DEU 6:4 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God [is] one LORD:*

DEU 6:5 *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

DEU 6:6 *And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:*

DEU 6:7 *And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*

The family was God's idea. Its purpose was to nurture and provide for the whole human creation. In the Christian family, there are three things you don't want to leave home without....

I. Don't leave home without a character.

A. v 6,7 *..and thou shalt teach them (the ten commandments) diligently unto thy children.*

B. The family is to shape your character.

C. The 10 commandments build that character.

Allow me to rewrite the commandments in a positive manner to increase the impact of the meaning.

1. There is only one God.
2. He alone is to be worshipped.
3. Reverence the use his name lightly
4. Honor the day of the Lord
5. Honor you parents
6. Respect the right of others to live.
7. Keep marriage honorable.
8. Respect other people's property
9. Always tell the truth
10. We content with what you have.

a. Character is worth more to you than riches.

PRO 22:1 *A [good] name [is] rather to be chosen than great riches,*

b. Character will open doors of greater opportunity.

II. DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT RELATIONSHIPS.

DEU 6:7 *And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt*

*talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.*

Relationships that last don't just happen. They require time.

- a. There is strength in maintaining good relationships in families.
- b. This is our heritage.

PSA 127:3 *Lo, children [are] an heritage of the LORD: [and] the fruit of the womb [is his] reward.*

PSA 127:4 *As arrows [are] in the hand of a mighty man; so [are] children of the youth.*

- a. Speaking blessing over them.
- b. Neither parent having a favorite.
- c. Each family member giving encouragement and honor to the other.
- d. Live with the idea in mind that what we do we do together.
- e. Even when the children are gone they love being together.

Job's children is an example of God's idea of family.

JBO 1:4 *And his sons went and feasted [in their] houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.*

- f. The family is to shape the way you relate.

If you can't respect and get along with your own family how can you relate with someone else in a meaningful relationship.

### III. DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT A CONCEPTION OF GOD.

1. The home should be the first place you hear about Jesus.
2. The family schedule indicates where God fits in our house.
3. We are to love God. Parents are to teach the depth of this truth.

DEU 6:5 *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

4. As parents we are building a bridge to the arms of God or we are building a wall that our children will struggle over to get to God.

Honor God and live in peace.

Dishonor God and live under a curse.