

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**  
**Family Tradition: Part 2**

When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. -Joshua 5:13-15 ESV

"Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." -Joshua 24:14-15 ESV

**1. The One and Only** v. 4

A. Command to Hear

B. Our God

C. One

You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. -James 2:19 NASB

The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.' Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. Therefore having overlooked the

times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."- Acts 17:24-31 NASB

**2. God Wants Your Heart** v. 5, 6

A. Love the Lord

B. Matter of the heart

We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;-1 John 3:19-21 NASB

C. Where is your "death or victory" attitude?

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:22-25 NASB

**3. The Life for Family First** 7-9

A. Family has to hear from the hearers

"Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

Deuteronomy 6:1-2 NASB

B. Diligently

18 years= 6,570 days= 936 Sundays

Maximum time for Sunday 2.5 hours x 936 Sundays =2,340 hours

With perfect attendance K-12 grade= 14,040 hours in the school building

"I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls."

2 Corinthians 12:15 ESV

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

“Our children are watching us constantly to see what we really believe and cherish.” Andrew Davis, “3 Reasons to Take Your Kids to Church”

### C. Natural Conversation

#### *Reflection Questions:*

1. *Does the Lord have all of your heart?*
2. *How diligently have you talked to the children in your life about the Lord?*

### ***Follow UP with the Word through the Week...***

**Monday:** Joshua 24:14-15. How does Joshua’s challenge square with your family commitments today?

**Tuesday:** James 2:19. When considering James’ statement of the beliefs of the demons what is the difference between them and you?

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:24-31. How does Paul’s sermon help to summarize what we believe to be true about God? How could this help you explain what you believe to someone who is not familiar with Jesus?

**Thursday:** 1 John 3:19-21. How does John’s test of where you stand help you today? What situations might these verses help most with?

**Friday:** James 1:22-25. How has the Word been your mirror lately?

**Saturday:** Hebrews 10:24-25. What has been your level of commitment to “meeting together” with other Christians or as we call it “church”? How has that been helpful to you?