



Church + Home = Effective Strategy

Influence #2: The Home

"Most parents can't give their children a lavish inheritance _____, but every _____ parent will leave a personal legacy _____."

- Parenting is hard _____ and families are messy _____
 - There are no clear biblical examples _____ for parenting. (*Instructions & principles, yes; examples, no!*)
 - Sometimes it is easier to look backward and see the mistakes _____ in retrospect than it is to notice them in real _____ time _____.

"Anyone who claims they have discovered the secret to effective parenting is probably covering up something, just had a baby, or recently graduated from Bible College with a degree in youth ministry."

- God uses family _____ to tell His story
 - The family exists, even in its imperfection, to display the heart _____ of God _____ to every generation.
 - "God is actively involved in both the family & the church – healing, loving, restoring, and re-creating a broken people in order to demonstrate His glory and plan of redemption."
 - The first priority of the family should be to establish a quality relationship with each _____ other _____ that is a reflection of an authentic relationship with God.

Ephesians 5:33 – 6:4

The Essence of Family Values - Deuteronomy 6

Value #1: Imagine the End _____

"The Lord our God, the Lord is one." Vs. 4

- It's all about God _____, not about you _____!
- In the battle for the heart, the temporary _____ has a way of crowding out the eternal _____. (**Colossians 3:2**)
- Reminding yourself about God doesn't cause you to stress _____ more, it causes you to trust _____ more.
- Wise parents will strive to make sure they are not trying to become a substitute _____ for God _____.

Value #2: Fight for the Heart _____

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Vs. 5

- The only thing that separates a living faith from a ritualistic orthodoxy is love _____.
- If we want to pass on a legacy _____, it has to be transferred relationally _____; anything else is empty religion.
- A genuine relationship is more important than rules _____ or reasons _____.
- Kids must understand that **God** can *always* be trusted _____

Value #3: Make it Personal _____

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts." Vs. 6

- Faith must be real in the parent's _____ heart before it can be passed along to the child.
 - Faith in obedience _____
 - Faith in consistency _____
- Children need to see their parents make relational, emotional, and spiritual growth _____ a priority _____.

Value #4: Create a Rhythm _____

"Impress them on your children..." Vs. 7-9

- In life there is God _____ and there are distractions _____.
- There is a great danger _____ in compartmentalized faith.
- Make God a priority _____ in the rhythm of life:
 - *Daily* rhythm, *weekly* rhythm, *yearly* rhythm
 - Rhythm requires that we be intentional _____ and constant _____
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Value #5: Widen _____ the Circle – "Hear, O Israel..." Vs. 4

- In Israel there was significant multigenerational support _____
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