

**Topic: Father Does Best, Mother Knows Best**  
**Text: Deuteronomy 6:2-9 (Amplified)**  
**Theme: “Duties of parents to God for their children”**

## INTRODUCTION

- It is every parent's dream to see their children living a godly life—trusting Jesus in every circumstance, serving Him with gladness, and mingling with peers who have positive influence with each other. This is a reality list, not a wish list.
- As parents, teaching your children how to live righteously straightens up their paths, with Deuteronomy 6:2 bouncing back with a promise: **It prolongs your life.** This life-extension deal has a bonus ahead of it in verse 3: ... *that it may be well with you and that you may increase exceedingly ... in a land flowing with milk and honey.* The package comes with a price, though.
- Are you ready for it? But, before you resonate a fat “Yes,” find out first the intellectual, practical, and spiritual aspects in teaching, training, and developing your own children to grow up in the fear of God.

## I. INTELLECTUAL ASPECT: LEARN THE WORD FOR YOUR CHILDREN

*v7 You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of 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 up.*

### A. Whet and sharpen the Word.

*V7a You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children...*

- Read and meditate on the Bible.

### B. Teach and impress the Word diligently upon your children.

*V7b,c,d,e, ... 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 up.*

1. What do you teach our children?
2. Diligence is characterised by steady, earnest, energetic application and painstaking effort.
3. One cannot do something he does not know yet; he has to learn it first before being able to teach it.

## II. PRACTICAL ASPECT: LIVE BY THE WORD FOR YOUR CHILDREN

V3b ... *be watchful to do them ... (Amplified)*  
... *observe to do it... (KJV)*  
... *be careful to obey ... (NIV)*

### A. **Talk of the Word when you are sitting in your home.**

V7b ... *and shall talk of them when you sit in your house...*

- Share God's faithfulness in your past life when you were still single.

### B. **Talk of the Word when you are walking along the road.**

V7c ... *and when you walk by the way...*

- Sing Kid's Praise songs while walking the children.

### C. **Talk of the Word before going to bed.**

V7d ... *and when you lie down...*

- Set aside time for family devotion.

### D. **Talk of the Word when you wake up.**

V7e ... *and when you rise up...*

- Start the day with "Thank you Lord," instead of complaints.

### III. SPIRITUAL ASPECT: KEEP THE WORD IN YOUR HEART FOR YOUR CHILDREN

V2b ... and keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you all the days of your life ...

V6 And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be [first] in your [own] minds and hearts;

#### A. Bind the Word as symbols in your hands (bracelets).

V8a And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand ...

- You could wear modest bracelets or necklaces with Christian insignias.

#### B. Bind the Word as frontals between your eyes (phylactery).

V8b and they shall be as frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes

1. Phylactery is one of two small square leather boxes containing slips inscribed with scriptures and traditionally worn on the left arm and on the head by Jewish men during morning weekday prayers.
2. Nowadays, it will be odd to wear frontals. Think of other things to wear or ways to do to replace forehead bands.

#### C. Write the Word on your doorframes.

V9a And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house ...

- It's a good witness to your visitors entering your house to see signs like: "Jesus is Lord," or "As for me and my house, I will serve the Lord," etc.

#### D. Write the Word on your gates.

V9b ... and on your gates.

- Instead of putting "Beware of dogs" on your gate, a better idea is "God loves you" or "Jesus cares".