

Having a Godly Household

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Introduction

... from the First Sunday of 2016 ...

We want to start the New Year off right ...
Whatever we did in 2015 ... it is done ...
Whatever anyone did to us in 2015 ... it is done ...
It is time for us to repent ... forgive ... and move on ... (repeat)

If we want to start this year off in a right relationship with God ...
we must focus on Him!!! (sounds simple, but it is not always ...)
We must not focus on ourselves and what we have done ... good or bad.
We must not focus on others and what they have done ... good or bad.
We have got to put our focus on God ...

This is what Moses is talking about today ...

So as the Children of Israel prepare to enter into the Promised Land ...
Moses is trying to prepare them for success ...

... and through the text today, as we enter into this next year, God is preparing us for success by teaching us four things we need to do if we are really trying to ...
Get Right with God

Moses is telling us that if we want to get right with God, we must ...
Know who God is ...
Love God completely
Have a Godly Household
Let the World Know that you stand with God

Today, from verses 6 & 7, we want to talk about **Having a Godly Household** ...

Text tells us three things we must do if we really want to ...
Have a Godly Household ...

I. **You must have the Word of God in your heart** ...

- A. Last week we talked about loving God with all of your heart ... to do that you must have the Word of God in your heart ...
- B. In the Bible, the heart is the seat of understanding ...
 - i. What we know ... or truly believe is in our heart – Genesis 6:5
 - ii. Proverbs 2:10 – wisdom enters through the heart
 - iii. Proverbs 3:1-5 – heart keep commandments ...
 - iv. Proverbs 8:5 – understanding heart
 - v. The bible gives a clear contrast in the importance of understanding

1. Psalm 14:1 & 53:1 – fool . . . in his heart, “There is no God.”
 2. Romans 10:9 – confess with thy mouth and believe in thine heart
- C. To have the Word of God in your heart . . .
- i. You must believe . . .
 - ii. You must study . . .
- D. When the world comes after you . . . they will come for your heart
- i. They will attack your belief
 - ii. They will want you to accept the lies
 - iii. They will want you to abandon God
 - iv. James 1:26 – religion in vain
- E. Psalms 119:11 – (Pledge to the Bible) . . . in my heart that I might not sin
- F. If you want to **Have a Godly Household** . . . you must have the word of God in your heart

II. Teach the Word of God to your children . . .

- A. Proverbs 22:6 – Train up a child in the way he should go . . . not depart . . .
- B. Having Godly children is not automatic
- i. You have to teach them . . . it must be deliberate
 - ii. You have to teach them at home . . .
 - iii. You have to bring them to church . . .
 - iv. You have to bring them to Sunday School . . .
 - v. You have to bring them to bible study . . .
 - vi. You have to surround them with Godly people . . .
- C. If you want to teach the children . . . you must learn it yourself
- i. Deuteronomy 4:10 – you must learn . . . that you may teach . . .
 - ii. You can’t just wait on someone else to do it
 - iii. You have to bring them to church . . .
 - iv. You have to bring them to Sunday School . . .
 - v. You have to bring them to bible study . . .
 - vi. You have to come also . . .
- D. People often say that they don’t have time to do it . . .
- i. Our children know the words to every song . . . but can’t read
 - ii. Our children know the steps to every dance . . . but can’t do math
 - iii. Our children know the characters on every television show . . . but know Abraham, Isaac and Jacob . . .
- G. If you don’t teach your children the Word of God . . . the world will teach them many other things . . .
- i. Children aren’t born “dropping it like it’s hot” . . . somebody taught them that
 - ii. Children aren’t born cussin’ folk out . . . somebody taught them that
 - iii. We need to be careful about what’s being taught to our kids
 - iv. If we don’t teach your children the Word of God . . . the world will teach them a whole lot of other stuff

H. If you want to **Have a Godly Household** . . . you must teach the Word of God to your children

III. The Word of God has to be a way of life . . .

- A. You don't have to have church at your house . . .
 - i. You don't have to have a formal service . . .
 - ii. You don't even have to make a big deal about it
- B. The Word of God needs to be a way of life . . .
 - i. Verse 7 says . . .
 1. Talk about the Word when you're sitting around the house
 2. Talk about the Word of God when you're walking around
 3. Wake up talking about the Word of God
 4. Go to bed talking about the Word of God
 5. Psalm 34:1 – I will bless the Lord at all times . . .

Joe Pace . . .

I will bless the Lord at all times, He's good
He's good, so good, real good
Each and every day of my life
I'll bless the Lord for He's good

C. If you want to **Have a Godly Household** . . . the Word of God has to become a way of life . . .

Conclusion

We must learn to bless the Lord at all times . . .

. . . not just the good times . . .

. . . not just when we need Him for something specific . . .

the David says in Psalm 34 . . . I will bless the Lord at all times . . .

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-When I'm lost and all alone . . . I will bless the Lord.

-Feeling like my strength is gone . . . I will bless the Lord.

-With no friends to call my own . . . I will bless the Lord.

-And no one to call on the phone . . . I will bless the Lord.

-I will lift my hands . . . I will bless the Lord.

-And call his precious name . . . I will bless the Lord.

-Cause He's always been there . . . I will bless the Lord.

-And he promised He'd never change . . . I will bless the Lord.

-Tears stream down my face . . . I will bless the Lord.

-I will put on the garment of praise . . . I will bless the Lord.

-Cause my ways are not His ways . . . I will bless the Lord.

-And my thoughts will soon fade away . . . I will bless the Lord.

-I will sing the song of the Lord . . . I will bless the Lord.

-And praise You even more . . . I will bless the Lord.

-You're the One I'm living for . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -You're the one I adore . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Thursday, Friday, Saturday . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Sunday I'll be here . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Cause I know I got a reason . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -To give You all the glory . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -To give You all the praise . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -When I'm in my sins . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -You washed them all away . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Cause one glad morning . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -When this life is over . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -I'm gonna put on my wings . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -And I'm gonna tell the story . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Of how You brought me out . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -To bring me in . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -You been right there . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Through thick and through thin . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -You don't know! . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Cause you weren't there . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -how God snatched me out . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Of the enemy's hands . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -You changed my walk . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -You changed my talk . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Changed my mind . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Saved my life . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Can't nobody do me like Jesus . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Can't nobody love me like the Lord can . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -You brought me out . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -To take me in . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -He knows what's best for me . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -What's best for me in the end . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -I thought about something else . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -How he loved me when I didn't love myself . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -When I felt like throwing in the towel . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -He made a way for me somehow . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Im standing here today . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -Only because of His grace . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -His love has filled this space . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -That was once an empty place . . . I will bless the Lord.
 -He has done great things for me so I will bless the Lord . . .

*****Tell the Story*****
 (I will bless the Lord . . .)

He has done great things for me so I will bless the Lord . . .

Today . . . we need to start getting right with God by **Having a Godly Household!!**