

# A Heart That Loves Your Children

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## Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (New International Version)

<sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

## Matthew 18:5-7 (New International Version)

<sup>5</sup> "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. <sup>6</sup> But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. <sup>7</sup> "Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come!

## SUMMARY:

We have a tremendous responsibility to love our children; they are a gift from God. We must be wise stewards with these gifts that God has entrusted to us. Are you prepared to give an account for how you have shaped your child's heart?

## NOTES:

## Applications: Ten Commandments for Childraising

- I. Teach them, using God's Word. Deut 6:4-9
- II. Tell them what's right and wrong. 1 Kings 1:6
- III. See them as Gifts from God. Psalm 127:3
- IV. Guide them in Godly ways. Prov. 22:6
- V. Discipline them. Prov. 29:17
- VI. Love them unconditionally. Luke 15:11-32
- VII. Do not provoke them to wrath. Eph. 6:4
- VIII. Earn their respect by example. 1 Timothy 3:4
- IX. Provide for their physical needs. 1 Timothy 5:8
- X. Pass your faith along to them. 2 Timothy 1:5

## Discussion Points:

- ❖ What is one key to your success as a father?
- ❖ What do you believe is the fundamental task to parenting? Is it different for each child?
- ❖ How do you influence your children? Does it always work?

## ON YOUR OWN...

- ❖ Write down the top 3 concerns you have for your family:

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Now commit the items above to prayer daily.

- ❖ What can you do to impact your daily/weekly routine to show your kids the love that they need?