



ENJOYING THE GOOD LIFE "Family Values" Deuteronomy 6:1-25

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Five of the Ten Commandments make specific references to family relationships. Moreover Moses gave detailed instructions about the need for families to function properly and showed how the "Good Life" was directly related to family life.

I. Family Values Must Be Established.

- A. Strong convictions—"Upon you hearts." v. 6
 - 1. Convictions concerning covenant.
 - a. "The Lord our God, the Lord is one." v. 4
 - b. "The Lord our God made a covenant." 5:2
 - c. "The Lord your God brought you out..." 5:6
 - d. "Love the Lord your God..." v. 5
 - 2. Convictions concerning commandments.
 - a. Obedience a matter of love.
 - b. Obedience a matter of discipline. 8:5
 - 3. Convictions concerning consequences.
 - a. Disobedience has disastrous repercussions. 5:9
 - b. Obedience holds great promise. vv. 24-25
- B. Genuine concerns—"As a father carries his son." 1:31
 - 1. Concerns for the children.
 - a. Caring.
 - b. Carrying.
 - 2. Concerns for the parents.
 - a. Honored by children. 5:16
 - b. Not going to be perfect. e.g. Luke 2:41-52
 - 3. Concerns for the "Outsiders." 5:14
- C. Clear communications—"Not idle words—they are your life."
 - 1. Children who are listened to. v. 20
 - 2. Parents who know what they are talking about.
 - 3. Situations where communication is natural. v. 7
 - a. Sitting at home.
 - b. Walking along the road.
 - c. Going to bed.
 - d. Starting the day.

II. Family Values Must Be Expressed.

- A. In mind set—"On your forehead." v. 8
- B. In practical work—"On your hands."
- C. In the home—"Doorframes of houses."
- D. In the city—"On your gates."

III. Family Values Should Be Emulated.

- Note: "Your children and their children." v. 2
"He swore to your fathers." v. 10
- A. Continuity in the covenant is the objective.
 - B. Commitment to the task is the obligation.
 - C. Communion with the covenant God is obligatory.