

Christian Parenting 101

Deuteronomy 6:1-7

I. Course Prerequisites

- Fear the Lord
- Carefully keep all His statutes all the days of your life.
- Carefully keep all His commandments all the days of your life.

II. The Blessings of the Course Prerequisites

- Your days may be long.
- It may go well with you.
- You may multiply greatly.
- You may be prospered.
- IMPORTANT NOTE: this is **NOT** the teaching of the Prosperity Gospel!
- We don't always know how God keeps these promises to us — sometimes He blesses us with physical and material blessings — but He always prospers us spiritually.

III. Christian Parenting 101 - You need to personally, diligently, constantly, vividly, passionately, repeatedly, and intentionally, educate your children in the Fear of the Lord, His statutes, and His commandments.

- As we saw in episode 79, we must take the full responsibility of our children's spiritual education onto us. That doesn't mean that others can't help, but we are ultimately responsible.
- Our teaching must be diligent in that it's earnest and energetic and perseveres no matter what happens.
- The spiritual education of our kids must also be constant — seen in the specific breakdown in sitting, walking, lying, and rising.
- We need to be vivid and passionate. The idea of binding God's Word onto our hands and between our eyes is a picture of the steps we're willing to take to make certain our kids see how important it is.
- As we all know, and we saw earlier, we must be prepared to repeat ourselves. We need repetition, and our kids need it. If you hate repeating yourself, you shouldn't have become a parent.
- And of course, we will fail to do any of this if we're not being intentional about it. I challenge you to sign up for our Truth.Love.Parenting Course called "25 Days to Becoming a Premeditated Parent." There you'll be able to mature in your parental intentionality.
- Also, note the content of our education — we need to train our children in the same things God requires of us: the fear of the Lord, His statutes, and His Commandments.
 - By the way, you cannot teach something you don't know.
 - You need to fear God before you can teach your children to fear God.
 - You need to have a personal culture of conforming to God's statutes before you'll be able to reform your family's culture.
 - And you need to follow God's commands if you plan to require your children to follow them as well.
 - Of course, none of us will do this perfectly, and if you wait until you're a perfect parent, two things will happen: 1. You'll never reach it, and 2. You'll fail your kids in the process.