

Love, Dates, Heartbreaks, and Kids

Lesson 7

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21

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Parenting in a Broken World

INTRODUCTION

Parenting can be overwhelming. From the moment a child is born, there are mysteries to solve. Is my crying infant hungry? Tired? Wet? Is my toddler really angry because I threw her used napkin away, or is something else bothering her? Why is my teenager so surly all of the time?

Add in the challenges of the world that can adversely affect our children (divorce, drugs, social media, television, advertising, etc.) and raising them becomes even more challenging.

But God, our heavenly Father, provides an example for us. He is a model for how we should raise our kids—with love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, and discipline. He shows us how to parent in our broken world.

Memory verse: “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” —Ephesians 6:4

Pray, and read the passages listed above. What questions or observations do you have about them?

OBSERVATION: What do the passages say?

1. How should we love the Lord? (Deuteronomy 6:5)
2. What are we to do with the commandments given? (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)
3. What are children to do? (Ephesians 6:1-2; Colossians 3:20)
4. What benefit do the children receive? (Ephesians 6:3)
5. What are fathers supposed to do and not supposed to do? (Ephesians 6:4)

4. How do we show our children God's love for them?
(Matthew 19:13-14; Ephesians 2:4; 1 John 3:1)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. What do you feel is the most godly aspect of raising children? How has it affected your children?

