

Text: Deut 4:1-10; Judg 2:10-15; Eph 6:4
Topics: Family, Word of God
Series: A Vision for the Future

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Building Families

I. The Means Prescribed (Deuteronomy 4:1-10)

Follow, and teach your children, God's Word;
so that you will receive God's blessings and reveal God's glory.

II. The Means Overlooked (Judges 2:10-15)

If we do not help our children to know God they may serve
other "gods" and receive God's judgment.

III. The Means Restated (Ephesians 6:4)

Instruct our children!

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Did you grow up in a Christian home? What kinds of things were done that helped, or hindered, you from developing faith in Christ and an active Christian life?

2. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9. What instructions were given to Jewish people?

What reasons were given for applying these instructions?

What practical application can you make for yourself from the principle given in verses 8 & 9?

3. Read Psalm 78:1-8. What are the Jewish people urged to teach their children? Why?

What would be the best way today to teach our children about God?

4. From the following Proverbs, draw up a statement that reflects Biblical wisdom for raising children.

Proverbs 3:12; 13:24; 19:18, 26-27; and 22:6, 15; 29:15, 17.

5. Christian fathers are clearly instructed to train their children in the faith (Ephesians 6:4). A measure of success is a qualification for leadership in the church (1 Timothy 3:4, 5, 12). How can the church help young fathers train their children?

What needs to happen if the father is absent, or won't take up his responsibility? (See 2 Timothy 1:5 and 3:14-15)

6. What is the main application of this study for you?