



CORE VALUES

Pittsford Community Church

Passing Along the Truth: Intergenerational Discipleship

Deuteronomy 6:4-12



Key Thought:

We can't pass along to the next generation that which we ourselves don't have.



In order to nurture our children well, we must be deeply in love with the Lord ourselves (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.



In order to nurture our children well, we must have a solid grasp of God's Word (Deuteronomy 6:6).

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.



In order to nurture our children well, we must allow our faith to penetrate the everyday activities of family life (Deuteronomy 6:7).

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.



In order to nurture our children well, we must wear our faith openly and without shame (Deuteronomy 6:8-9).

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.



In order to nurture our children well, we must incorporate our faith into both the highpoints and hardships of life (Deuteronomy 6:10-12).

When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.





Generational Discipleship

All God's people have the responsibility to teach and to reach the next generation. With parents as the main, though by no means sole, contributor to this task, we seek to emphasize family ministry and parental involvement in the discipleship of children. Often this work will also mean regular adaptation and innovation. Therefore, we seek to hold loosely our current strategies and preferences in order to best pursue God's will for his church (Deut. 6:6-7, Ps. 145:4).

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