

**THE GODLY MOTHER'S ASSIGNMENT
MOTHER'S DAY 2011
DEUTERONOMY 5:1-6:7**

RAISING A GODLY GENERATION

1. Raising godly children demands you agree that **God's way** is the **only way** (Prov. 22:6; Deut. 4:9).
2. Raising godly children requires you use the **Bible** as the **manual** (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15).
3. Raising godly children means teaching that all **sin** carries **consequences** (Prov. 13:24).
4. Raising godly children will bring honor to **God** and joy to the **parent** (Prov. 10:1; 15:20; 17:21; 23:15-16, 24-25).

KEY THOUGHT: Raising a godly generation will require **teaching** and **modeling** biblical truth 24/7 (Deut. 6:4-7).

I. THE FIRST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A GODLY MOTHER: GOD IS SOVEREIGN (DEUT. 5:1, 6-33).

- A. A Sovereign God is to be obeyed **immediately** and **completely** (Deut. 5:1-33).
 1. "**Hear**" = Listen without questioning or selective attention
 2. "**Learn**" = Embrace so that each truth becomes a part of my personality
 3. "**Keep** and do" = Obey immediately and completely.
- B. A Sovereign God provides **absolute** direction (Deut. 5:6-33).
 1. God gave us the Ten Commandments as **firm boundaries** (Deut. 5:6-33).
 2. Obeying God's commandments brings **blessings** to the **nation** and the individual (Deut. 5:29).
 3. Obeying God means **not flirting** with God's boundary lines (Deut. 5:32-33).

KEY THOUGHT: A godly mother teaches reverence for God to her children by **her** immediate and complete **obedience** to His commands (Deut. 5:29).

II. THE SECOND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A GODLY MOTHER: IT'S ALL ABOUT GOD (DEUT. 4:9; 5:28-33).

- A. You are responsible to teach your children about your experiences with God (Deut. 4:9).
- B. You are responsible to train your children to revere the Lord (Deut. 5:29).

KEY THOUGHT: A godly mother teaches her children lessons from Scripture and seeks to guard their young hearts (Deut. 4:9).

III. THE KEY DECISION OF A GODLY MOTHER: TEACHING HER CHILDREN TO LOVE GOD (DEUT. 6:4-7).

- A. Teach your children to be committed/loyal to God.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart...”

- B. Instruct your children to give themselves completely to God.

“Love the Lord your God with ... all your soul...”

- C. Train your children to express their love to God.

“Love the Lord your God with ... all your might...”

KEY THOUGHT: A godly mother models full devotion to God before her children (Deut. 6:4-7).

FOR FURTHER STUDY AND PERSONAL GROWTH

May 8, 2011

SUNDAY: **Biblical parenting demands a commitment to teaching (Deut. 6:4-7)!** The biblical call to those desiring to raise children who bring God honor and produce joy in the hearts of their parents is specific – commit to teach your children the deep truths of scripture. There is no shortcut. There is no one to whom you can truly pass this crucial task. God has entrusted your specific children to you for their training in godliness. Teach them that sin carries consequences (Prov. 13:24); train them to have a firm grasp of the scriptures (2 Tim. 3:14-15); and demonstrate a reverence for the Lord that is modeled through loyalty and service (Deut. 4:9). Ask the Lord for a high view of His plan for your children. Commit yourself to praying for the strength to deepen your personal devotion with the Lord. ***May your commitment to train your children in righteousness bring glory to God and joy to your heart!***

MONDAY: **God is sovereign and His Lordship is absolute (Deut. 5:1)!** You probably make your life way too complicated. Technology today makes so much of our world available to us through the internet, satellite television, and affordable luxuries. Expansion of the opportunities for children are mind-boggling – club sports for every age and sport, virtual reality through video games, church activities that are wholesome, and the list could be endless. *However, the most critical activity that God has always desired for a child is following in the footsteps of a godly parent.* Will you as a parent **hear** the word of God and listen to it without selective attention? Would you decide to listen to and **learn** biblical truth completely so that it would become part of your personality? Could you see yourself **obeying** God completely and immediately because He is Lord? This is God's design for your children above all else. Pray for a simple heart. Ask the Lord to strip away all the vain things of this world to free you to invest in the spiritual education of your children. ***May your decision produce the fruit of God-honoring children that draw attention to His faithfulness!***

TUESDAY: **God is sovereign, and His Law is righteous (Deut. 5:6-33)!** The Ten Commandments are an absolute law given directly to the individual by God (Deut. 5:6-21). Obedience to God's Law brings blessings that extend to our children (Deut. 5:29-30). Complete and immediate obedience to God's Law means walking down the specific path He has outlined without flirting with the gray areas (Deut. 5:32-33). Your children learn the meaning of godly devotion by watching your passion and modeling it! Meditate upon the absolute righteousness of God's Law for man. Pray for an unflinching devotion to well up in your heart and life for God's righteous Law. ***May your devotion to the Lord's righteous Law bring Him glory and peace to your heart!***

WEDNESDAY: ***You are responsible to teach your children about your experiences obeying God (Deut. 4:9)!*** It is important for you to study the scriptures to know God's personality and His expectations for your godliness. Teaching your children about your growth experiences with God can be enhanced by keeping a spiritual growth journal. Sharing how God has brought you through your failures and taught you priceless lessons of the faith will guard their hearts against the evil one. Pray for a heightened sense of responsibility about teaching your children of God's profound love. ***May your faithfulness in studying scripture, applying it to your life, and recording His dealings with you in a spiritual journal be a catalyst for spiritual growth in your children!***

THURSDAY: ***You are to be reverent toward your God (Deut. 5:29)!*** A reverent heart is willing to wait on God's timing in your life. When trouble and difficulties arise, reverence trusts God and relies upon Him. A deep reverence for God gives one the patience to rest in God, even when the situation looks desperate and like God "may need my help". Reverence calls upon the Lord with complete assurance that He is in control and capable of completing His plan. Pray for a long memory of all that God has done for you personally and for faithful men in the scriptures. ***May your reverent worship bring glory and joy to the Lord!***

FRIDAY: ***Teach your children to love God with the full measure of one's devotion (Deut. 6:4-7)!*** Your life and words should teach your children to be loyal to a holy God. Instruct your children to give themselves to the Lord. Train them to tangibly express their love for the Lord through service to Him and to others. Your instruction should be constantly offered throughout every day and in every situation. This course of practical theology must include modeling of how to love the Lord with all your heart, with your entire mind, and with all your strength. ***May your commitment to the training of your children be the foundation of their life of service for God!***

SATURDAY: ***You are to work to train your children to maturity in Christ as Paul strove to train all men (Col. 1:28-29)!*** This verse describes the goal of our church family. Witnessing to the lost and discipling the believers is our way of life. It only makes sense that you practice these priorities within your home. Looking at the conclusion and application from Sunday's sermon, what adjustments do you need to make to begin to train your children in godliness? How are you going to create that time? Pray for wisdom to be granted to you from the Lord. ***May His wisdom refresh you and inspire you to study His word and teach your children with renewed zeal!***