

RCMI L-Path Teaching

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(English)

TITLE: **Family conversations about God**

TEXT: **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

October THEME: **ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**

Big Idea: **Learn the biblical principles that will help strengthen unity and relationship within the family.**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 - ⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. ⁷Impress 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. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

How can we converse in our Family about God?

1. There are Truth that we must Announce – vv. 4-5

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

- Hear, O Israel these verses are known as the *Shema* (“hear” in Hebrew).
- God wants a complete love from us.
- 1John 4:19 “¹⁹We love [\[a\]](#)Him because He first loved us.”
- Love should be seen in our relationship with Him.
- What God wants most is our love for Him.
- With all of our heart, soul, and strength, no area is left out.
- “We are called to an everlasting preoccupation with God.”- A.W. Tozer
- “Our primary goal is not only to be good parents. But to model a lively and important love relationship with our living God.”

For interaction: Give a personal example on how you show to your family that you have a love relationship with God?

2. There are Task That we Must Accept – v.6

⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your **hearts**.

- God’s Word must have an impact in your life

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- The meaning of heart in Hebrew is the place of will, determination, intellect. It is not only a place of feeling.
- While our faith maybe personal but it should never be private. It should be seen and modeled.

For Interaction: Is there a chance in your family that the word of God was the basis of your decision? Share with the group.

3. There are Actions That we Must Apply- vv. 7-9

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.

8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

What Actions should we apply?

1. *We are to make an impression*
 - Let it (word of God) sharpen your children
2. When you sit at home. During the Family eating time
3. When you walk along the road - During the time outside the home.
4. When you lie down. During bedtime.
5. When you get up - To start a day
6. We share our faith to our community - verse 9

“Our lives, our family, our homes are extension of God’s Grace to our community, to our country and to the world.”

Ezekiel 36:26-28

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

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Conclusion:

Conversation is a Family dynamics, it is a way to express, encourage, uplift, instruct, correct and affirm love and support or destroy relationship when it not done properly. Involving God and his word in our conversations creates submission, humility and love. It is our responsibility to model our faith and love to God to our Family and to other people.

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INTRODUCTION:

- This pandemic forced everyone to stay home to protect us from the virus.'
- Little did we know that God orchestrated this so we can discover that you need not venture out to find what you are looking for.
- If there is work from home and study from home, there is also **BLESSED FROM HOME!**
- A Christian family is developed within the proper atmosphere. You got to have the right atmosphere.
- "There is one safe and happy place, and that is in the will of God." -David Livingstone.

LIVE A BLESSED LIFE

I. The Requisite For A Blessed Life [v.1-2]

- The primary focus of this psalm is not your blessings of family life (which is mentioned in some verses) but the blessings that believers can receive through the fear of God.
- **Fear of the Lord – The requisite for a blessed life.**
- Fear of the Lord. Fearing God means to take God seriously, to reverence him deeply and to honor him greatly.
- A person must "fear the Lord" and "walk in his ways." Only by walking in God's way can we find true happiness and contentment.

II. The Realm Of A Blessed Life [2-4]

When a man takes God seriously and walks according to His Word, God's blessing is abundant.

The Family that is 'all-out' in the effort to be one will be the one to receive an 'all-out' favor from God.

A. Godly Man will eat the fruit of his labor, blessings and prosperity is his.

B. Fruitful Wife

As a priority, he says your wife will be a fruitful vine in your house.

Men, there are three things to learn about the vine:

1. Vine clings.

2. Vine climbs.

3. Vine clusters. A vine doesn't only cling and it doesn't only climb but a vine clusters.

- You ask, what should I do for my wife to bear fruit? **Serve her.**
- This is the great paradox of living the blessed life: when we give without thought to whether or not we will receive, then we receive. -Robert Morris

C. Children like olive shoots.

- Olive trees take 15 years to mature.

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- If cared for patiently, it will produce a harvest for many years.
- Olive plants produce oil and oil could be used in a lot of different ways.
- Notice where they are, like olive plants around your table. That is, if the parents are not with the children, do not expect the children to grow up and be productive as a tree.
- When the children of a family have been properly cared for over time, they will be productive and fruitful for God.

III. **The Ripple Of A Blessed Life** [5-6]

Home > Church [Zion] >City [Jerusalem] >Country [Israel]

A. **A Christian family is maintained in the community of believers.**

- Zion was the city of God. It is the place where the father leads his family to worship God in Zion.
- What is Mt. Zion for us today? It is the church of the living God.
- The family makes up the country. If we want to see our Nation turn around, it must start indoors.

CHALLENGE:

A family blessed in Christ sends out a ripple of blessing that inspires others to entrust their lives to Him.

DISCUSSION:

- What have you learned from the teaching today?
- What is the prerequisite of a Blessed Life? Share how to practice the fear of the Lord for everyone to be blessed.
- Pray that the family will experience a blessed life and pray for each member of the family.