

“Celebrating Fathers”

Deuteronomy 6:1-19

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Being a faithful father involves...

I. **Having the proper goal for our children.** **(Deuteronomy 6:1-3)**

The goal for our children should be that they fear, obey,
love and serve God.

“Fear of the Lord in the Old Testament is used as a designation of true piety...It is a fear conjoined with love and hope, and is therefore not a slavish dread, but rather filial reverence...”

A holy fear is enjoined also in the New Testament as a preventive of carelessness in religion, and as an incentive to penitence.”

Today's Dictionary of the Bible, Bethany House Publishers,
Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1982, p. 232.

“‘To love’ in this setting communicates not so much an emotional idea as one of covenant commitment. To love the LORD is to be absolutely loyal and obedient to him in every respect, a truth Jesus himself taught.”

The New English Translation Bible, Biblical Studies Press, L.L.C.,
2003, p. 355.

II. **Showing and modeling the way. (Deuteronomy 6:3-6)**

III. **Interacting with your children about God and the Scriptures as you go about your day.** **(Deuteronomy 6:6-9)**