

Widening the Plate

Sunday, May 21st 2017

- **A PARENT'S PRIORITY IS TO GRADUALLY TRANSFER A CHILD'S DEPENDENCE AWAY FROM THEM UNTIL IT RESTS SOLELY ON GOD.**

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live... Deuteronomy 6:1-2

1) **LOVE YOUR GOD.**

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. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Kids Who Become Active Christ-followers as Adults

If mom and dad went to church: **72% of kids will as adults.**
If mom only went to church: **15% of kids will as adults.**
If dad only went to church: **44% of kids will as adults.**
If neither mom nor dad: **06% of kids will as adults.**

- **DO YOU LOVE GOD WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART OR SOME OF YOUR HEART?**

2) **LEAD YOUR FAMILY.**

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 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. 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. Deuteronomy 6:6-9

“The thing that impresses me most about America is the way the parents obey their children.” Edward, Duke of Windsor

- **Lead intentionally.**

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

TRAINING FROM PROVERBS

- 1) Train them to manage God's money. (Prov. 3:9-10)
- 2) Train them to carefully select friends. (Prov. 13:20)
- 3) Train them to watch their words. (Prov. 4:24)
- 4) Train them to be responsible. (Prov. 6:6-8)
- 5) Train them to guard their minds. (Prov. 23:7)
- 6) Train them to be generous. (Prov. 11: 25)
- 7) Train them to fear God. (Prov. 1:7)

- **ARE YOU LEADING YOUR CHILDREN OR ARE YOUR CHILDREN LEADING YOU?**