

**[SERMON NOTES]**

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**[QUICK REVIEW]**

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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**[MY STORY]**

Sometimes ignorance *is bliss* - and other times ignorance is just plain ignorance! **What's something you swore you wouldn't do or let happen 'once I became a parent'?** For those who are not parents: **what's something that you can't believe your parents made you do as a kid?**

Like most things in life, we can learn from both positive and negative examples. **List out a few examples from positive parenting you have either seen or experienced:**

**[DIGGING DEEPER]**

During the time of ancient Israel, the family was central to life. It was common for many generations to live in the same home together for their entire lives. Early on in Scripture, we are introduced to the preeminent passage for the people of God, called the *Shema*. **Read the *Shema* below and note what jumps out to you about this passage.**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.<sup>[a]</sup> 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 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.*

**Why do you think God chose verses 4 and 5 to be the cornerstone passage for His people?**

**How might you go about “impressing” loving God with one’s heart, soul, and strength into your own life?**

One of the most influential phrases out there is: *(Examples) are caught more than they are taught!* **Explain how this applies to the role of being a parent? (whether biologically, adoptive, spiritually, etc.)**

In our message time this week, Timothy’s upbringing was mentioned as integral to his faith. Timothy goes on to lead the church in Ephesus as a young man. We don’t know if he was married or has kids, but was called to be a spiritual father and father-figure to many! The Apostle Paul offered him this encouragement: *Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.* **1 Tim. 4:12**

**Whether you are a parent or not - spend a few moments considering your example you set, Then write out 2 practical ways you can set a more fruitful example for those in your life to see and know Jesus:**

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**[WEEKLY READINGS]**

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend’s message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

**Deuteronomy 6**

**1 Timothy 1-2**

**1 Timothy 3-4**

**1 Timothy 5-**