

Study Guide for May 9th, 2005. Series: Letting God Lead. Deut. 6

Introduction: What were some of the most positive lessons you learned from your parents? How did you "learn" those lessons? What lessons, both positive and negative, have you seen your children pick up from you?

I. The Purpose Of This Instruction (Deut. 6:1-3) WHY?

- A. What benefits would come when the people make the effort to learn and follow God's instruction?
- B. What progression do you notice in vs. 2 and vs. 3 (note the repetition of "so that. . .")?
- C. What does it mean to "fear the Lord"? How might the phrase be misunderstood today?
- D. This command was given to the people of Israel thousands of years ago. How are we similar and how are we different from them? How does the command apply to us as Christians living in America?

II. The Content of Your Instruction (Deut. 6:4-5) WHAT?

- A. What does this statement reveal about the nature and character of God?
- B. How does Jesus interpret this command? (see Matt. 22:34-40)
- C. What, according to this statement, is the basis for our relationship with God?

III. The Audience Of Your Instruction (Deut. 6:6-9) WHO?

- A. When and where were parents to instruct their children?

B. Given this educational method, What conclusions do you draw about the applicability of God's instruction?

C. Give some concrete examples of how parents could be engaged in this kind of instruction today?

#### IV. The Means of Your Instruction (Deut. 6:10-25) HOW?

A. By Acknowledging God's Provision: (vs. 10-12)

1) What results follow from failing to remember that God provided the good things the Israelites enjoyed?

2) How has God reminded you of the importance of not taking his blessings for granted?

B. By Serving God Not Idols: (vs. 13-19)

1) What aspects of God's character is highlighted in these warnings and commands?

2) What does God promise if the people obey his commands and serve him?

C. By Recounting God's Deliverance: (vs. 20-25)

1) How is a father to answer his son's inquiry

Conclusion: