



Imperfect Together Part 3 - Parenting

BREAKING THE ICE:

How was your experience with your parents growing up?

How has/did that experience shaped the way you desire(d) to parent your children?

GO TO THE SOURCE : READ Deuteronomy 6:5-7

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:

1. Moses commands here first focuses on the lives of the adults as individuals not as parents.
 - a. What does Moses command the people in verse 5?
 - b. What do each of those commands mean?
 - i. **LEADERS NOTE: Heart:** is loving God with the core of who we are (beliefs, etc.). **Soul:** loving God with our internal self (personality, etc.). **Strength:** Loving God with our physical bodies (i.e. what we do).
 - c. Do you think there is a significance to the progression?
 - i. **LEADERS NOTE: Our beliefs influence and shape our thoughts and personality which in turn will impact our actions.**
 - d. Where does Moses tell the people they are supposed to keep the commands in verse 6? Why do you think that is?
2. Having laid a foundation for people in general Moses goes on to instruct parents in particular.
 - a. What two things does he tell them to do with the commands?
 - i. **LEADERS NOTE: Impress them and talk about them.**
 - b. How are these two different?
 - c. What leaves a bigger impression on children what you say or what you do?
 - d. What type of impression are you leaving on your children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews/siblings?
3. While our actions speak louder than words our words should bring clarity to our actions.
 - a. Moses tells them to teach these commands to their children. Why do you think it is important for parents to not just model these commands to children but to teach the commands to them as well?
 - b. What are the 4 different times of the day he tells the people to teach these things?
 - i. **LEADERS NOTE: Time at home (family time), walk along the road (travel time), lie down (bed time), rise up (morning devo time).**
 - c. Parents how are you doing at teaching your kids about Jesus and the scriptures during these different times? Those who are not parents how

are you using these different times of the day and are you pleased with the way you are using the time?

4. We are need to be transformed from the inside out.
 - a. Parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles/older siblings do you start at a heart level or are you primarily focused on changing the children in your lives behavior?
 - b. When it comes to raising kids what does it look like practically to start at a heart level and not just try to modify bad behaviors?

MAKE IT COUNT:

What do you need to change this week so that the impression you leave on the young people in your life will reflect your inside out love for God?

What do you need to do this week to instruct the young people in your life to love the Lord from the inside out?