

# Intentional Discipleship of Our Children (Part 2)

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## I. Two Rhythms: Daily Instruction + Constant Application

*Vs. 7-9 Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

### A. God's Desire: Total Saturation in Every Aspect of Life

1. The more you believe and study the word of God, the more incredibly relevant to life it will seem
2. Parents' job: to TALK ABOUT God's word constantly
3. Weave Scripture into everything that is going on...
4. Apply it to actual situations in their lives
5. Every situation is a time to weave Scripture in
  - a) *While driving in the car... Speak Scripture to Them [e.g. our slow work through the Book of Psalms]*
  - b) *While shopping at Kroger's or Food Lion... Speak Scripture to Them*
  - c) *While sitting on the porch after mowing the lawn... Speak Scripture to Them*
  - d) *While cooking dinner... Speak Scripture to Them*

Remind them that God has promised to feed and care for His people, that cooking the meal is a great blessing, for the Scripture says

Psalm 104:27-28 These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. <sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

**B. Intentionally Incorporating Daily Instruction**

- 1. Bible Intake (devotion, personal reading, discussion at meal, etc)**
- 2. Pray with and for Children Daily (morning, evening, meal, etc...)**
- 3. Additional Spiritual Disciplines**
- 4. Active at FBC/Talking about FBC/Meals/Etc.**

**C. Being Available/Ready for Anytime Application (see 1 Peter 3:15)**

*Joshua 4:6-7* In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

*Exodus 12:26* And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.' " And the people bowed their heads and worshiped

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- 1. Be Available and Intentionally Explain Biblical Worldview Often**
- 2. Involve Children When you Serve, Share Ideas of How to Serve**
- 3. Talk About/Pray Together/Model and Involve Kids in Evangelism**
- 4. Engaging in Your Town, Knowing Neighbors, Sharing Hobbies, ...**
- 5. Use Technology (Desiring God App, MyReadingPlan App, etc.)**

## **II. Summary Application Points**

- A. Constantly Teach/Read/Discuss God's Word**
- B. Constantly Modeling a Christ-Centered, Word-Saturated Life**
- C. "Correct, Rebuke, Encourage with Great Patience and Careful Instruction" (be aware of our attitude and substance)**
- D. Discipline/Teach/Admonish Against Giving into Sinful Pleasures**
- E. Pray for Kids Continually**
- F. Be Active and Engaged at FBC (or your local church)**

Application Question: How do we disciple our children and shape their hearts in a Christ-like manner (love, gratitude, kindness, respect, self-control, etc.)? How to do this before they are a Christian so that it points them toward Christ, yet also bringing them to an understanding that these behaviors don't make them a Christian (they still need salvation)?

Application Question: If we only had time to read one book on parenting, what should it be?