

## BUILT TO LAST

*How to Build a Successful Marriage and Family*

# **WHAT'S A PARENT TO DO?**

Deuteronomy 6:1-15

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## **What is the real job assignment of a parent?**

### **1. Work on you: develop a love relationship with the LORD.**

*"And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Deuteronomy 6:5*

#### **A. When you love Him, you fulfill the greatest commandment.**

*"This is the great and foremost commandment."*

*Matthew 22:38*

#### **B. When you love Him, you fear and obey the greatest King.**

*... so that you and your son and your grandson might **fear** the LORD your God, to **keep all** His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, **all** the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Deuteronomy 6:2*

### **2. Work on your kids: teach them the ways and Word of God.**

#### **A. Teach them all the time.**

#### **B. Teach them with integrity, not hypocrisy.**

*As a parent, be the person you want your children to be.*

#### **C. Teach them with love, not legalism.**

*"This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me."*

*Matthew 15:8-9*

#### **D. Teach them with the joy of the Lord.**

*The joy of the LORD is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10*

### **Your job as a parent is to pass the baton of genuine faith.**

*Didn't God create you to become like one person with your wife? And why did he do this? **It was so you would have children, and then lead them to become God's people.** Don't ever be unfaithful to your wife. Malachi 2:15 CEV*

**A successful parent is one who produces children that truly  
love, fear, obey, and serve the LORD.**