

**Main Idea: In Deuteronomy 6:4-25 we discover a clear description of God’s kind of men. It’s a man who exhibits two passions.**

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The Challenge: Here is the need of the hour...

1. We don’t need great men.
2. We need men in whose lives God is great.

I have an announcement to make on this Father’s Day. *There are no perfect dads.* Take it from a dad. When I was a child I thought dads always knew what to do. Then I became a dad.

If you don’t have any regrets as a dad, you don’t need this message. This message is for those of us who’ve missed the mark and know it.

And that’s what I love about the Bible. God designed and gave this inspired Book to help, not perfect people, not people who’ve got their act together, but to *sinners*. Quite frankly, if you’re a person who never struggles to know what to do, you don’t need this Book, nor this message.

In Deuteronomy 6 we find a message that God gave to a group of people whose dads had blown it royally. I mean their dads knew exactly what God wanted them to do, but they refused to do it and paid with their lives.

Some of you grew up in a godly home with dads and moms who loved and lived for the Lord and pointed you to Him. But some of you inherited something very different. Your dads didn’t live for God and their actions didn’t show you how to live for Him. “Can I be a good Christian,” you ask, “since I never saw it modeled at home?”

Be encouraged, my friend, for God has something special to say to you in Deuteronomy 6.

Fifteen centuries before Christ, God rescued two million Hebrew slaves from bondage in Egypt and led them towards the Promised Land. Sad to say, most of them never made it because they refused to trust and obey God. Consequently they incurred God’s judgment and perished. Every person in the nation over twenty years of age fell dead in that wilderness as the nation wandered around for the next forty years.

And then God delivered this message. He sent it through Moses to that second generation of Israelites, to the kids who survived the wilderness and grew up. Right before they entered the Promised Land Moses gave them the message we call Deuteronomy (which means “the second law”<sup>[2]</sup>).

You see, the question is, are you doomed to live a second rate life if you’ve got failure in your family tree? Is that how the Christian life works? By giving the book of Deuteronomy, the God of grace says *no way!* He doesn’t offer His blessings to people contingent on the successes and failures in their family past. By His grace and through the merit of His Son Jesus Christ, He makes sinners who believe in Him into something new and offers them something breathtaking.

Let me share three alarming statistics with you.

1. Half of all American children will witness the breakup of a parent's marriage. Of these, close to half will also see the breakup of a parent's second marriage." (Furstenberg, Peterson, Nord, and Zill, "Life Course")

2. Forty percent of children growing up in America today are being raised without their fathers. (Wade, Horn and Busy, "Fathers, Marriage and Welfare Reform" Hudson Institute Executive Briefing, 1997)

3. Of all children born to married parents this year, fifty percent will experience the divorce of their parents before they reach their 18th birthday. (Fagan, Fitzgerald, Rector, "The Effects of Divorce On America")<sup>[3]</sup>

That's why we need this message. If we're going to stop the spiraling cycle of brokenness, we need to pay careful attention to what Moses told that second generation of Israelites in Deuteronomy 6.

In Deuteronomy 5 Moses repeated the Ten Commandments (which he gave to the first generation back in Exodus 20). It's the very next chapter to which we now turn our attention. In Deuteronomy 6:4-25 we discover a clear description of God's kind of men, men who exhibit two passions.

We need men who exhibit two passions. You ask, "Is this just for the men?" No. What we're about to hear from God's Word is for women, too. But God designed men to be the pacesetters, and as such they are to model these two passions for all to see. So in this Father's Day message I want to speak directly to the men.

### I. God's kind of men have a passion for God (4-5).

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

"Hear, O Israel," Moses said. Please note that this instruction was for Israel, the descendants of Jacob and his twelve sons. We are not Israel. We who know Christ are the church. There is discontinuity between Israel and the church. There is also *continuity*. For instance, the Law was originally given by God to Israel to guide them as they lived in the promised land. We don't live in the promised land. We aren't bound by many of the law stipulations today (that's why we don't get on a plane and fly to Israel three times a year for feasts, feasts the Jews were commanded to keep). There is *discontinuity*.

But there is also *continuity*. The Law did something else besides show Israel how to live in the land of Canaan. It revealed the holy character of God to the Israelites, and it still does that for us today. We can look at the Torah and discover what God is like and what it means to be holy. What is it that God wants from His people, no matter what age they live in, whether Jews who lived before Messiah Jesus came, or those of us who live since He came? What God wants is for His people to exhibit two passions, starting with this one. We must *love* Him.

That raises the question. How can you tell if you love God? Very few people would say, "I don't love God." Most people probably think, "Love God? Sure I do." But loving God isn't some sentimental thing. It's very tangible and even measurable. Right here Moses identified two prerequisites for loving God.

**A. You must know Him (4).** Love and knowledge go hand in hand. Dating couples understand this. Ask them why they want to spend so much time together and you'll probably hear, "I want to get to know this person better. I think I might even want to spend my life with her." You can't really love someone you don't know.

Moses said, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." What do people who truly love God know about Him? By the grace of God they've come to understand three amazing characteristics of God.

1. *He is a redeeming God.* "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." Moses twice uses God's covenant name, *Yahveh*. Who is our God? *Yahveh* is.

I don't think we appreciate just how significant that name is. Moses never forgot. He was tending his sheep one day when he came upon a bush that was on fire. But the fire didn't consume the bush. As he approached to inspect, God spoke to him and said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt...I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey (Exod. 3:7-8)."

Then God surprised Moses with this announcement (verse 10), "Go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." To which Moses said, in essence, "Who, me?! I can't do that." To which God replied, "I will be with you (12)."

Moses still wasn't sure. "What if the Israelites ask me who You are, God? After all, the Egyptians have lots of gods. What is *your* name?"

Notice Exodus 3:14-15, "God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD [*Yahveh*], the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."

That's who God is, dear ones. He is *Yahveh*. He is the self-existent One who took the initiative to enter into a relationship with Abraham and his descendants. He is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. When He saw the Israelites in their bondage, He took action to rescue them.

He did the same with us, did He not? Ephesians 2:1 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins." "When we were without strength, Christ died for us (Rom 5:6)." Yes, our God is a *redeeming God*. Indeed, you cannot love Him until you know Him as *your Redeemer*.

2. *He is a personal God*. "The LORD *our God*, the LORD is one." God is personal. He makes it possible for His people to know Him personally. Indeed, you cannot love God if your knowledge of Him is second hand. Moses could say, "He is *our God*."

3. *He is unique*. "The LORD *our God*, the LORD is *one*." The word "one" expresses both His unity and uniqueness. Peter Craigie offers this explanation, "As one God, when He spoke there was none other to contradict. He was not merely first among the gods, as was Baal in the Canaanite Pantheon, Amon-Re in Egypt, or Marduk in Babylon; He was the One and Only God and as such He was omnipotent."

Actually, Deuteronomy 6:4 expresses in positive terms what the first two commandments say in negative terms (5:7-9): *No other gods before Me. No idols*. Why not? "Hear, O Israel: The LORD *our God*, the LORD is one."

You can't believe that there are many gods, even if you say *the Lord* is the greatest, and be right with Him. Christianity isn't merely adding Jesus to your life. To be right with the Creator God you must acknowledge that He alone is the Lord.

We need men today who will affirm this plainly and boldly, with their lips and lives. *I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ*. Men, our beliefs do matter. Faith is not subjective. Contrary to what our post-modern culture says, I do not have the freedom to believe whatever I want to believe about God. No. That is idolatry. The God who exists, the *only God*, is a redeeming, personal, and unique God. In order to love Him you must know Him. Secondly...

**B. You must give Him your all (5)**. "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

To love Him you must know Him. That's where it starts, but it doesn't end there. If you really love Him you will express your devotion to Him. Notice how comprehensive true love for God is. Love Him how? "With all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." God despises dead, external ritual. The One who gave us all we have desires all we have. He's not interested in barren legalism.

We tend to compartmentalize our lives and feel good about it. Some people give God a couple of hours on Sunday morning and then live as though He didn't exist the rest of the week. Others drop a \$20 bill in the offering plate and think they can now spend the rest of their money however they want. But they fail to consider that all they have is on loan to them from God, and that that show Him whether they love Him by how they use the money they *keep* as much as the money they *give*.

God placed a great deal of emphasis on love in Deuteronomy. We are His people, not because we deserve it, but because He chose to love us. That was true of the Israelites (7:6-8). It's true of us (Rom 5:8). How could we not love Him in return?

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 makes it clear what He wants from His people: "And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?"

Do you love God? Be honest. Few would give a verbal no to that question, but perhaps fewer have given serious thought to the tremendous implications of saying *yes*.

What does it mean to love God? It means to give Him His rightful place in our lives, to be committed to Him alone, to desire to please, serve, and exalt Him alone. Are you loving Him when you give Him the leftovers from your life? No. He's interested in *all* your heart, *all* your soul, and *all* your strength.

What kind of men do we need today? We need men who have this basic, life-consuming passion. *They love God*. Men, is there any question in the minds of your wife and children and grandchildren about what your greatest passion is? I didn't ask if you were perfect. I'm talking about your passion, what drives you. Do those who know you well see that pleasing God is more important to you than anything? Do your work associates see it? How about the guys you golf with or coach with?

Maybe it's not been true. If you'll admit it today, things can change. That's what the cross is all about. Jesus Christ died in our place so we can live the kind of life God deserves. Will you resolve this day, by the grace of God, to be a man who loves God supremely? There's a second passion that Moses identified in the rest of Deuteronomy 6.

## II. God's kind of men have a passion for God's Word (6-25).

Know this. Love for God and love for God's Word are inseparable. Love and obedience go together in the Bible. When God gave His people Deuteronomy, He was giving them tangible instructions so they would know how to love God and neighbor. When Jesus came to earth fourteen centuries later, He said that this was the essence of the Law: loving God and neighbor. He also said He came to fulfill the Law (Matt 5:17), but that doesn't mean He negated the need for obedience. "If you love me, you will obey what I command," He said in John 14:15. When we obey His commands, we show that we love Him. When we don't, we show Him something else.

How can I know if I really love God's Word? Moses spelled out three areas of responsibility we have with God's revelation.

**A. You must make it priority in your personal life (6).** "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts."

What commandments is Moses talking about? *These* commandments. The KJV says, "These words which I command thee this day." Moses is talking about the *Torah*, the Law that God gave him on Mount Sinai, and specifically the Ten Commandments that he just rehearsed in chapter 5.

When God gave the Bible He gave it to His people in stages. That's what we mean by *progressive revelation*. He used about forty different human authors (from Moses to the apostle John) over a period of 1500 years (starting with Genesis around 1400 B.C. and finishing with the book of Revelation in 100 A.D.), yet there's no contradiction for the Holy Spirit guided the process to insure total accuracy. The 66 books that we call "the Bible" are indeed the Word of God.

The Spirit used Moses to record the first five books of the Bible, sometimes called the Pentateuch or the *Law*. What's the purpose of this section of God's Word called the Law? Essentially, it's twofold.

1. *The Law reveals God's standard.* The Law is like a yardstick. God is holy and He expects the same from us, *holiness*. But what does holiness look like? He gave Israel a yardstick so they'd know what He expected. By looking at this yardstick we know exactly what God expects.

We also discover something else. We don't measure up. We've fallen short of God's standard. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23)." The problem isn't with God's Law, but with our corrupt hearts. We can't live up to God's standard. What's worse, the Law condemns us as guilty and deserving of God's wrath.

Listen to Paul in Romans 7:22-24, "For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?"

That's the question of all questions. *Who will rescue me?* That's the second primary purpose of the Law. First, the Law reveals God's standard.

2. *The Law reveals my need for a Savior.* Paul answered his own question in the very next verse. "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" Romans 7:25 says, "Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

I can't save myself. The Law can show me what I ought to do, but it can't empower me to do it. I need a Savior. The Law is a yardstick. It's also like an arrow. As I read the Law it points my attention forward and says, "He's coming. The Deliverer is coming!" And when the New Testament writers took pen in hand, they wrote, "He has come!"

What an amazing Book God has given us! I hope you cherish the Word. That's what Moses told his people to do with it. "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts." These commands—the ones that reveal God's standard, the ones that will reveal your corrupt hearts and need for a Savior—do something with these commands. What? Put them *on your hearts*.

The Jews had God's speech on stone tablets, but Moses said that wasn't enough. We have the complete canon of Scripture in the form of ink on paper, but that's not enough either. You can have ten Bibles in your house, but the question is this. Is the Word of God *on your heart*?

In other words, have you internalized it? It's not enough to have a Bible on your desk. It's not even enough even to have it in your memory bank—you can be able to quote the Bible and yet not have it on your heart.

Your heart is like a treasure chest. It's where you store away your thoughts, beliefs, and feelings—the thoughts, beliefs, and feelings that determine your values and choices in life.

Be honest now. Is God's Word on your heart? When you make decisions, do you search God's Word for God's will, or do you just do what *you* want?

Men, we need to be those who treasure the Book. If we love God's Word we will make it priority in our personal lives. But don't stop there.

**B. You must make it priority in your family (7-9).** Moses continued, “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. <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.”

You may have heard the Spanish story of a father and son who had become estranged. The son ran away, and the father set off to find him. He searched for months to no avail. Finally, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read:

Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father. On Saturday 800 Pacos showed up, looking for forgiveness and love from their fathers.<sup>[4]</sup>

There are a lot of things that dads out to be giving their children, including forgiveness, but none so important as this. Men, we need to give our families God’s Word. How should we do it? Moses mentions four specific assignments.

1. *Teach them what it says (7a).* “Impress them on your children.” The KJV says “teach them diligently unto.” God expects parents—and dads are to lead the way—to make sure their children learn what God says. Don’t just expose your kids to God’s Word. Impress them with it. That is, show them the value and relevance of what God says.

2. *Show them how it works (7b).* The second part of verse 7 gives very specific guidance, “Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

It’s one thing to talk about the Bible in a Sunday School room, and that’s great. It’s another thing to talk about it when you’re sitting at home, or driving to the ballgame, or before you pray next to your child’s bed. That’s what Moses said to do: talk about God’s Word at home, along the road, and when you’re lying down and getting up. In other words, show your family not only what God’s Word says but also how it works in the real world.

What do your kids (and grandkids) see you do when your team loses the game because of a questionable call, or when you pass a suggestive billboard, or when you come home from a bad day at the job? Do they see God’s Word if your life then?

3. *Give them reminders (8).* What kind of reminders? Moses said to take God’s Word and tie it to the hand and forehead. Some Jews to this day do that literally by using phylacteries, leather pouches containing Scriptures attached to the body. What would happen if you tied verses to your hand and forehead? God’s Word would go with you wherever you went, and that’s the point. We need reminders so the Word will be integrated into daily life. I’ve found it helpful to write Bible verses on 3 x 5 cards and tuck them in my shirt pocket or under my desk glass cover or on the visor in my car.

But not just reminders for you. Reminders *for them*, too. “On the doorframes of your houses,” says Moses. My grandparents had a little loaf-of-bread shaped box on their kitchen table with Bible verses on cards in it. I can still see it going over forty years later. Before I could even read I learned that I lived in a family that valued God’s Word.

Men, I urge you to put God’s Word in your house. Wallhangings. Posters. Cards on the refrigerator. A placard on your desk. Give your family members reminders.

4. *Apply it to real life (9).* Verse 9 talks about putting the Word on your doorframes and gates. Doors and gates are what you walk through when you leave your home and head out into the world. It’s a vile world out there, isn’t it? But guess what can keep us pure? God’s Word can. What’s the last thing we need before we venture out to “the real world?” We need a reminder of what God said.

This is so practical. Men, do you talk with your family members about the real life issues they’re facing? Our kids—not to mention us as parents—are facing sexual temptation, materialism, and warped values of success every time they leave the front door. Are you making sure your family is finding out what God says about those issues before they confront them? That’s our assignment. Apply God’s Word to real life.

One startling bit of research conducted by the Christian Business Men's Committee found the following: When the father is an active believer, there is about a seventy-five percent likelihood that the children will also become active believers. But if only the mother is a believer, this likelihood is dramatically reduced to fifteen percent.<sup>[5]</sup>

I have a scene tucked away in the archives of my memory bank. I was probably about seven, but I saw it several times. We lived three hours away from my grandparents, so it was a big thing to see them. I always slept upstairs. In the mornings I’d slide down the steps (literally) and turn into the family room. I can still see my grandfather sitting in his easy chair. It’s quiet in the room, but he’s not sleeping. He has a great big book in his lap. I move closer and ask him what he’s doing. He tells me he’s reading the Bible.

My grandfather was a hardworking man who worked long hours all his life. He had an 8<sup>th</sup> grade education. He

didn't talk a lot. He didn't become a Christian until he was around 50 (and then died at around 67). He didn't read the Bible because he wanted to make an impression on his grandson. He did it because he wanted to know the God who saved him. But he did make an impression.

And so are we, men, every day in big ways and small. The question is, what kind of impression? Do our wives and children and grandchildren know that we love God and His Word? Do they see you starting your day before an open Bible? Do they hear you seeking God's will in prayer before you make significant family decisions?

There's one more area of responsibility that Moses addressed that day. People who love the Word make it priority first in their own lives, then in their families. Thirdly...

**C. You must make it priority in your future (10-25).** In the remainder of the chapter Moses gave three charges to God's people, each relating to what they would do with God's Law in the future. I just want to mention these charges, read what he said, and encourage you to develop it at a later time.

1. *Remember the One who redeemed you (10-12).* "When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, <sup>11</sup> houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, <sup>12</sup> be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

In other words, don't forget where you came from. And don't forget who gave you the blessings you now enjoy. Remember your Redeemer.

2. *Fear and serve God alone (13-19).* "Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. <sup>14</sup> Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; <sup>15</sup> for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land. <sup>16</sup> Do not test the LORD your God as you did at Massah. <sup>17</sup> Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you. <sup>18</sup> Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> thrusting out all your enemies before you, as the LORD said."

Men, the gods of this world are calling for your attention and devotion, but you must resist them. Job. Car. Boat. Education. Your children. Your house. Mark Driscoll is right when he says, "When a good thing becomes a god thing, it's a bad thing." Do not follow other gods. If you really love God's Word, you'll fear and serve Him alone.

3. *Keep reminding your children why God gave His Law (20-25).* "In the future, when your son asks you, 'What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?' <sup>21</sup> tell him: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. <sup>22</sup> Before our eyes the LORD sent miraculous signs and wonders—great and terrible—upon Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. <sup>23</sup> But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers. <sup>24</sup> The LORD commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the LORD our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. <sup>25</sup> And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness.'"

Notice that phrase, "*When your son asks,*" and Moses' exhortation, "*Tell him.*" Don't miss that. Men, your kids will ask, and your job is to tell them. Tell them what? What to do, yes, but also *why*. Moses says, "Tell them, we were slaves but the Lord brought us out of bondage and gave us this land. That's why we need to obey Him."

"Dad, why do we have to go to church tonight? There's a cool movie on."

"Dad, why can't I date Sally? She's a nice girl. So, she's not a Christian. I want to witness to her."

"Dad, do I have to tithe my lawn-mowing money?"

"Dad, why can't I wear this shirt? It's just a picture of a beer can. I'm not going to drink it."

"Dad, all the kids from school will be there. Can I go to the party?"

Men, let's not waste these teachable moments with a, "Just because I said so." Listen to Moses. When your son asks, tell him why. Son, we were slaves to sin and still would be slaves, but Jesus set us free. He died a terrible death to give us a new life, and it's a different kind of life than we used to live and many of your friends at school still live. We don't obey God just because we have to. It's a privilege to obey the person who died for us. So miss church tonight to watch a movie? Would that please Him, according to Hebrews 10:25? Date a girl who's not a Christian? What about 2 Corinthians 6:4? Go to a party where their might be alcohol? Let's take a look at 1 John 2:15-16."

Dads (and moms too), God didn't give the church the job to prepare your kids for life. He certainly didn't give it

to the school either. He gave the primary responsibility to us. It's our privilege to teach them, and two lessons of which we must remind them over and over are the same two Moses highlighted right here. We were *once slaves*, but *God set us free to serve Him*.

The Challenge: Here is the need of the hour...

Simply put...

1. *We don't need great men.*

2. *We need men in whose lives God is great.* So come to Him today. Ask Him to give you a passion for Himself and a passion for His Word. He's a redeeming and personal God who sent His Son to rescue sinners like you and me. Love Him supremely. And He's a revealing God who gave us His Word, so make that Book priority in your personal life, in your family, and in all you do in the future. Men, let's love God and love His Word. Those are the marks of true greatness.

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[1] This message has been revised from an earlier message I preached at WBC on 6/15/2003.

[2] It wasn't really a second Law, but a repetition of the first for a new generation. That's why the Ten Commandments appear twice, in Exodus 20 for the first generation and then in Deuteronomy 5 for their children forty years later.

[3] <http://www.marriage-success-secrets.com/statistics-about-children-and-divorce.html>

[4] *Bits & Pieces*, October 15, 1992, p. 13.

[5] Keith Meyering, *Discipleship Journal*, issue #49, p. 41.