

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 11, 2014**

**Successful Christian Parenting
Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

What are some of the keys for displaying the light of God's life to our children (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

The first key for consistently displaying the light of God's life to our children is to be continually reminding ourselves of what is true about God and our special relationship with Him (Deuteronomy 6:4).

The second key for displaying the light of God's life to our children is by making sure that we are consistently loving God with all our "heart, soul and might" (Deuteronomy 6:5).

Loving God with all our heart means that we are to love Him with our mind. This is supported by the LXX where it substitutes the Hebrew word translated "heart" with a Greek word that means "mind."

Love Him with all our soul means to love Him with our entire being. It had the original meaning of "breath" and came to be a general term for life.

The Hebrew word translated "strength" means "very, very much" or "greatly" and was translated in the LXX by a Greek word meaning "power."

The third key for surrounding our children with the light of God's life is having God's word on our hearts (Deuteronomy 6:6).

If God's word is in our hearts we will be speaking God's word to our children (Deuteronomy 6:7).

If God's word is in our hearts it will impact our personal behaviors (Deuteronomy 6:8).
If God's word is in our hearts it will impact how our family functions (Deuteronomy 6:8).

If God's word is in our hearts it will impact how we live our lives in our community (Deuteronomy 6:9).

May God give us the grace to prayerfully and consistently shine the light of His life on our children so that they also may come into a relationship with Him through faith in Christ.