How Now Shall We Lead?  
Deuteronomy 6:4-12

1. Worship God Alone (vv.4-5) Idolatry Leads to Destruction.

2. Worship God Completely (v.5) How are we to worship? With all we are!

   A. Heart - seat of morals, emotions, loyalties
      
      Jesus said, “where your treasure is there your heart will follow” Matthew 6:21

   B. Soul - encompasses our mind, even eluding to our total lives, the soul is synonymous with breath.

      “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,” Philippians 2:5

   C. Strength - meaning power.

      “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” — Edmund Burke (1770)

      James says it this way, “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” James 4:17

3. Worship God Expectantly (vv.6-7) – “Shall be on your heart”

   A. In the Home - having a devotion time is crucial for a family, some of the best times of learning come from these devotional times.

   B. Walk in the Way - teach them to love the Lord and follow Him in the day to day decisions of life. Teach them to pray for wisdom and that God would guard their hearts.

      “Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.” Proverbs 4:23

   C. At night and in the morning - God’s love needs to consume us, allow His commands to wash over you!

4. Why Follow God’s Commands? (vv.8-12)

   A. Protects (vv.8-9) - Guard your mind and hands against evil!

   B. Preserves (vv.10-11) - Brings blessing to your life and fruit from your labor!

   C. Prompts (v.12) - Lest you forget God and reenter slavery!

Deuteronomy 6 Practical Application: 3 Tips on Leading the Next Generation to Know & Follow God by Teaching them to;

1. Develop a way to address the heart of behavior not just outward actions. What is the motive behind disobedience? Discuss without preaching, listen with understanding, and try to discern the spiritual condition and needs of the situation. Teach them to seek wisdom and learn from their mistakes. (Shepherding a Child’s Heart, Tedd Tripp)

2. Develop a heart of trust, humility and gratitude in our lives and lives of children. Teach children to trust God’s Word, it has never been proven false and is valuable for our lives. Teach them to humbly walk among their peers, respect adults and be grateful for the blessings God has given them. (God’s Peace, John McArthur)

3. Develop a Rite of Passage for boys and girls in your home. Clearly define a line that distinguishes childhood from adulthood. Many ancient cultures, African, Jewish, Peruvian etc… had a rite of Passage** when boys became men. Our rites will be different but it will be viewed symbolically as a vital part of their growth and maturity to adulthood. (Rite of Passage Parenting, Walker Moore)
**In early America and other cultures had rites of passages that have been lost! Young people were given amazing responsibilities and became great leaders and world changers!**

**Age 16 George Washington took his first paid position as a land surveyor.**

**Age 14 John Quincy Adams became secretary to Us minister to Russia.**

**Age 12 Pocahontas helped save colony of James town from starvation.**

**Age 9 Mozart composed his first symphony.**

**Age 14 Mary gave birth to Jesus.**

**Age 8 Josiah became King of Israel. (2 Kings 22)**

*(Rite of Passage Parenting, Walker Moore)*

**Jeremiah 6:16**

_Thus says the LORD:_

_“Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls._