

Monkey See October 19 & 20, 2013

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV)

Consider & Discuss

- 1. What are the strengths and weaknesses of your relationships with your family members?
- 2. What tensions do you encounter between your career and family responsibilities? How do you manage those tensions?
- 3. Do you find more fulfillment in your career or your family? Why?
- 4. Read <u>Deuteronomy 6:4-9</u>. What strikes you about this passage?
- 5. What is the best parenting advice you've heard? How about the worst? You can answer this question even if you don't have children!
- 6. What values do you think are most important to impress on children?
- 7. What values were impressed on you as a child?
- 8. If you have children, what values are you actually impressing on them? What, if anything, would you like to improve in terms of impressing values on your children?

Live It

Use the following suggestions Chris gave to grow in your role in your family:

- Identify the tensions in your family.
- Develop a plan to manage those tensions.
- Ask yourself, "How am I 'engraving' on my children (or other family members)?"