

**The Performance of a Lifetime**

**“1, 2, ... don’t make me say 3”**

**Video – Kids on family**

**Cue – After Dad and daughter scene**

**PARENTING – IF YOU ARE A PARENT, YOU KNOW A PARENT, YOU HAVE A PARENT. HOW MANY AGREE WITH ME PARENTING IS TOUGH**

**I LIKE WHAT MARK TWAIN SAID.** He said about parenting teenagers, he said, “*when they are thirteen, put them in a barrel and nail the lid shut, then feed them through the knothole.*” that was his advice. He said, “*when they are sixteen, plug the knothole.*”

**PARENTHOOD CAN TURN INTO A LIFE OF PAIN OR JOY DEPENDING ON WHAT TOOLS ARE BEING APPLIED**

**ASK TAMMY - Remember when we disciplined the boys it was 1, 2,...3. 3 meant it was over.**

**VIDEO – DAVE & STEVE**

**THE NEXT 3 WEEKS HOMEWORK**

Take one day this week without electronics for at least 1 hr or 2 to talk, play a game, or go bowling, have fun

**KEY THOUGHT FOR TODAY**

**THE PARENTS DUTY IS TO GRADUALLY TRANSFER A CHILD’S DEPENDENCE FROM THE PARENT TO SOLELY REST ON GOD**

**Deuteronomy 6:1-2 (NIV)**

**A. NOW, WHERE DOES THIS COME FROM?**

1. This Scripture in chapter 6 is right after Moses had just revealed the 10 commandments. Then Moses gives one of the greatest teachings on parenthood in all of scripture.
3. “These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you.

**Deuteronomy 6:2 (NIV)**

**B. AND AS THE PARENT TRAINS AND TEACHES THEIR CHILDREN TO FEAR THE LORD.**

1. Not only will you be changed but your children and the next generation of children after that.

**C. DO YOU REALIZE THAT AS A PARENT, GOD HAS PUT WITHIN YOU THE POWER TO CHANGE GENERATIONS AND GENERATIONS TO COME.**

1. **BUT HOW DO WE DO THAT? FIRST YOU HAVE TO:**

**LOVE YOUR GOD**

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NIV)**

**A. ONE THING THAT I’VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WITH PARENTS.**

1. If you ask them the question, “how much do you love your child or children”

**WE GET ANSWER LIKE THIS:**

“I love them more than anything” “I’ll go to the ends of the earth for them”

“I want to give my children a better life than I had” “I’ll do anything for them”

2. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO CHURCH AND THE THINGS OF CHRIST. They don’t seem to make that a priority

**STATISTICS ON KIDS WHO BECOME active christ-followers as adults**

If mom and dad went to church: 72% of kids will as adults.

If mom only went to church: 15% of kids will as adults.

If dad only went to church: 55% of kids will as adults.

If neither mom nor dad: 06% of kids will as adults.

◆ PARENTS NEED TO FIRST FIGURE OUT WHO YOUR GOD IS.

◆ DO YOU LOVE GOD WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART OR SOME OF YOUR HEART?

**LEAD YOUR FAMILY**

**VIDEO – TEEN, SEX, TV**

**IF YOU DON’T LEAD SOMEONE ELSE WILL**

**Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NIV)**

*QUOTE FROM Edward, Duke of Windsor “The thing that impresses me most about America is the way the parents obey their children.”*

**A. WHY ARE THE CHILDREN LEADING THE PARENTS?**

1. BECAUSE THERE’S NO MORE DISCIPLINE IN THE HOME.

**DISCIPLINE IS CORRECTION DRIVEN BY LOVE**

**Hebrews 12:5-6 (NIV)**

**DISCIPLINE ISN’T SOMETHING YOU DO TO YOUR CHILD, BUT FOR YOUR CHILD**

**VIDEO – TEEN PREGNANCIES**

**Proverbs 19:18 (NIV)**

**CONCLUSION:**

**GOD GIVES ENOUGH SCRIPTURES TO PARENTS THAT HE’S SAYING, “1, 2 ... DON’T MAKE ME SAY 3” (THERE’S NO EXCUSES)**

**A PARENT WHO FEARS GOD BY ACTION MORE THAN WORDS IS A WISE PARENT**