

parenting *at the crossroads*

the one thing

This week's devo is designed to be used by an individual **OR** family. It's designed for personal reflection or group discussion.

Start each day by reading aloud the following scripture:

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 upon 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.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

day one

Do you agree with the following statement? Why?

***The family is
the first school,
the first place of worship and
the single greatest indicator of
who and what a person will become.***

READ Genesis 1:27-28.

What do you like about your family?
What do you wish was different about your family?
Pray for each member of your immediate family.

day two

READ Exodus 20:12.

How important is this verse?

Remember... it's one of the ten commandments.

What does it mean to honor your parents?

Is it ever hard to honor parents? Why?

Pray for **waterworks** (children's) and **the EDGE** (middle school) leaders.

day three

READ Colossians 3:20-21.

Do you agree with these three statements? Why or why not?

- 1 . Family is the central purpose of marriage.**
- 2 . Family should be a safe place for children to prepare for adulthood.**
- 3 . Preparation is the best protection.**

day four

READ Mark 3:25.

Family should be united on the issue of protection and preparation.

Review the weekend outline.

What **game** did your parents play with you?

If you're a parent which **game** are you most likely to play?

What are the challenges that keep the family from being united?

READ Ephesians 4:1-5.

day five

READ Colossians 3:20; Proverbs 6:20; 13:1; 29:17.

Regarding your family, what are you thankful for?

Have each person share one personal prayer request about an area of pressure from their life. If you're doing this as an individual, call or e-mail family members and ask them for a prayer request.

Pray for your family's requests this week and next.