

# parenting at the crossroads

## the one thing

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

### **family f\_\_\_\_\_**

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

*Genesis 1:27-28 (See also Genesis 2:20-25)*

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

*Exodus 20:12*

### **God's p\_\_\_\_\_ plan**

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

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9*

### **four insights**

1. **F\_\_\_\_\_** is the central purpose of **m\_\_\_\_\_**.
2. Family should be a safe place for children to **p\_\_\_\_\_** for adulthood.

**P\_\_\_\_\_** IS THE BEST **P\_\_\_\_\_**

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

**C\_\_\_\_\_**: keep it **s\_\_\_\_\_**

Creates a spirit of **f\_\_\_\_\_**

**M\_\_\_\_\_**: play to **w\_\_\_\_\_**

Creates a spirit of **s\_\_\_\_\_**

**C\_\_\_\_\_**: solve the **m\_\_\_\_\_**

Creates a spirit of **s\_\_\_\_\_**

**L\_\_\_\_\_**: it's a **j\_\_\_\_\_**; live **w\_\_\_\_\_**

Creates a spirit of **c\_\_\_\_\_**, hope and **f\_\_\_\_\_**

4. Family ministry is designed to **s\_\_\_\_\_** the family

### **next steps**

#### **Recommended readings:**

Kid CEO – Ed Young, Jr.

Orange – Reggie Joiner

Raising Kids For True Greatness – Dr. Tim Kimmel

Preparing For Adolescence – Dr. James Dobson