

# Growing Children

## Chapter 7

### Audio Lesson: Old Testament Survey lesson 21



Objective: to introduce the background and purpose of the book of Deuteronomy.



*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 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

The word “Deuteronomy” means “the restating of the Law.” But Deuteronomy is more than a restating of the Law. This inspired law book is an application of the law of God to the second generation of God’s chosen people. It is also a record of the great sermons Moses preached to Israel before they crossed Jordan and invaded Canaan.

When believers decide that they want to stop going around in circles and to possess the spiritual possessions God has for them, they are ready for the book of Deuteronomy. This book is filled with lessons for someone who has decided to take another, more serious, look at their new life in Christ and be totally committed to Him.

Deuteronomy has to do with the Word of God becoming a reality to His people. In one of his greatest sermons, Moses challenged the children of the last generation to make sure they passed His Word on to their children. In his great sermon in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Moses was really telling Israel that God had called them to be a people who loved Him with all their being. In order to show their love for Him, they had to obey His Word. And to obey His Word, they had to know His Word. Moses instructed them to love God with all their being, to know and obey His Word, and to pass those values on to their children. Deuteronomy teaches us what it means to love God and how we are to teach our children to love Him.



1. True or false? The word “Deuteronomy” means “a new and different law.”
2. True or false? Deuteronomy is a collection of sermons Moses preached before God’s people crossed into the Promised Land.
3. True or false? There is nothing new anywhere in the book of Deuteronomy.

*Unless otherwise noted, choose one answer for each question.*

4. Which of the following are included in God’s Promised Land for us? (choose all that apply)
  - a. Blessings
  - b. Uselessness
  - c. The gifts of the Spirit
  - d. Regret
  - e. Guilt
  - f. Abundant life
  - g. Constant conflict
  - h. Purpose
5. Who is the book of Deuteronomy for?
  - a. Those who have memorized God’s law
  - b. Those who obey God’s law perfectly
  - c. Those who are ready to enter into all that God has promised
  - d. Priests
6. According to Deuteronomy 6, what does God want from us?
  - a. To know His Word
  - b. To obey His Word
  - c. To love Him
  - d. All of the above

7. What are Deuteronomy's four foundational keys to educating children? (choose all that apply)

- a. The Word of God
- b. The traditions of people
- c. Responsibility
- d. Rights
- e. Relationship
- f. Reality
- g. Trade and labor apprenticeships
- h. Priests

8. According to the Word of God, is morality absolute or relative? \_\_\_\_\_

9. If morality is absolute, what should we teach our children about obedience?

- a. They can choose to obey when they want to.
- b. They should obey only when we tell them it is important.
- c. They should obey after four warnings.
- d. They should always obey after being told once.

10. Who has the primary responsibility to educate children in God's ways?

- a. Parents
- b. The government
- c. The school they attend
- d. The church

11. What can parents delegate to others?

- a. Responsibility
- b. Authority
- c. Both
- d. Neither

12. What does the Bible say about the amount of time a father spends with his children?

- a. It is very important.
- b. It is helpful, but not essential.
- c. It is not important at all.
- d. The father should spend all his time working, not being with his children.

13. How do children learn their parents' values?

- a. By what parents say once
- b. By what parents say ten times
- c. By what parents do
- d. By what the church does

14. Jesus says that (choose all that apply)

- a. Show me your treasures and you show me what you value.
- b. Show me where you invest your time and energies and you are showing me your heart.
- c. Show me what you value and you show me your heart.
- d. Show me your treasures because they are not worth anything.



Why do you believe God gave parents the responsibility to teach their children obedience to His Word?

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Ask God to give you an obedient heart that loves to do His will. If you have children, ask Him to do the same for them, and ask Him for wisdom as you raise them to love Him and His Word.



## Going Deeper

1. Describe the setting or context in which the great Sermons recorded in Deuteronomy were preached by Moses. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why is his sermon in chapter 6 (verses 4-9) considered by many scholars to be the greatest sermon ever preached by Moses? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. According to Moses, who is to teach the Word of God to the children? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Explain and describe the four foundations of the teaching process outlined here by Moses. (Responsibility, Relationship, Revelation and Reality) \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What motivated Moses to preach this sermon and give this instruction? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How do parents pass on their values to their children? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Since the name of this book means “The Restating of the Law of God,” what is the central theme of the book and how does that show us why the Law of God is restated at this time and in this book? \_\_\_\_\_

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