

# PowerHouse: Becoming a Powerful Family

## *Muttering in the Study*

*I don't know about you, but I'm disappointed in the church. I took my children to church almost every week and in every worship service they heard at least three worship hymns or songs. That comes up to almost 3000 songs. And yet with all that experience, none of my children can play the piano. Huh?! Silly expectations? Perhaps, but too many seem to expect the church to immerse and indoctrinate their children in the faith after they drop them off at church for a couple hours each week. But hanging out at church a couple hours a week is as effective in turning children into faithful disciples as it is in turning them into concert pianists. So ... what's the answer?*

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1. It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes a \_\_\_\_\_ to disciple a child.

2. Three specific benefits of consistent obedience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ stability.

3. How To: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ faith on your children; (2) Incorporate faith at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; (3) Use multiple \_\_\_\_\_; (4) Be \_\_\_\_\_.

### ***My Count Me In! Commitments***

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll insist on training
- I'll model the faith consistently
- I'll train intentionally
- I'll push through pushback

### **Additional Notes**

## Digging Deeper, Going Further

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**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 6:1–9

**Introduction:** This week's verses contains some of the most holy of words in all of Judaism ... the *shema*. "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one." These words are contained in every mezuzah that is attached to every kosher doorpost in every Jewish home.



This allows the family to keep these commandments literally ("Write them on the doorframes of your houses."). It may seem a bit silly to us, however, this is just one way in which the family's children are immersed into the faith and practice. This week, we're looking specifically about how to integrate faith into our lives ... and the lives of our children.

1. What are some of the ways your family poured Christianity into your life?
2. How did you see your family's faith integrated into their daily lives?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:1–9. What are some of the promises given to those who integrate their faith into their lives?
4. How were parents expected to impress the faith into the lives of their children? What would that look like today?
5. Dr. Bill cited a statistic that 60 percent of children raised in the church leave the church and do not return ... and that they largely make that decision when they're in elementary school. Why do you think our children are "checking out" of church at such an early age?
6. What are some things families can do to instill an everyday faith into themselves? Into their children?
7. If the most effective way to integrate faith into a family is through discipleship at home, what's the role of the church?

***Next Week: Power House – Forgiveness in the Foyer***

***Who will you be inviting to worship with you this week?***