

# Weekly Impact Statement

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What a wonderful day in the Lord we had on Sunday!

Deuteronomy 6:1-12 gives us at least three ways we can impact the generation that is coming up behind us.

### 1. Our Personal Walk with Christ Makes an Impact.

Verses 1 and 2 speak about commands of God that the Israelites were to follow, so that (vs 2) their children and grandchildren will also be inclined to make the same choices.

What we model matters. Verses 2 and 3 speak about enjoying life, being established in the Promised Land, increasing and having things go well with them. God had given them new land, a place to work and a place to enjoy. If they were going to occupy that place and enjoy that place and experience blessing for a long time in that place, they needed to obey Him. Obedience isn't something that is on again/off again. It is consistent. It is a faithful pursuit.

Verse 5 is really the pinnacle of all of the commands of Scripture. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Does that characterize your walk with Christ? Are you making every effort to press into your relationship with God with all of your being? Does your passion for Christ make the kids or children you have a relationship with want to be a better Christian?

### Our Personal Time Makes an Impact.

Verses 6 and 7 speak about constant conversations the Israelites were to have with their children. Are we paying attention to the clock with the raising up of this next generation? Are we taking the time to actually impact the younger generation or are they growing up without role models and without necessary, life preparing conversations?

### 3. Our Personal Testimony Makes an Impact.

Perhaps one characteristic of the Christian life that is often overlooked is the discipline of thanksgiving and how that can point people to God as our Source. Verses 10-12 remind the Israelites to always acknowledge God's blessing and provision in their lives.

What could inspire young people more to follow God than to know He is the One who has the ability to bless their life? You see, when you forget to acknowledge God, you cut off your Source.

Your personal walk, your personal time, and your personal testimony have power. God wants you to use it to collide with the culture and impact this generation who is gaining identity, values, and spiritual insight from your life and mine.

Join me this Wednesday for an evening of inspiration and impact at 6:45 pm!

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