

Participation!

Don't do too much

Have Fun

Be willing to pull the plug...

### Resources

Leading Little Ones to God by Schoolland  
Egermeier Bible Stories

# Purposeful Parenting

Week 3

## Review:

**A Consuming Love For God in a Thoroughly Scriptural Environment that Actively Disciples Behaviors and Attitudes**

**...With**

**5. An \_\_\_\_\_ perspective...**

*\*Practice Point*

**...In**

**6. A \_\_\_\_\_ environment.**

**Eph 5:15-21** See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (17) Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (18) And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (19) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; (20) Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

*\*Practice Point*

## Family Altar/Devotions/Worship

### Common Arguments Against the Family Devotions

*It compartmentalizes faith unnaturally, Deut. 6 indicates it should be consistent, not compartmentalized*

*It is not commanded - Scriptures actually command informal passing of faith*

*It is not successful*

*“Talk about religion that unaffectedly flows in and out of larger discussions is much more powerful than discussions that begin with, ‘Okay, children, now we are going to talk about religion’”*

Handing down the Faith: Christian Smith p. 84

### Arguments for the Family Devotions

Deut 6; Psa 78; Matt 28:18-20; Eph 6:4

*Specific responsibilities are detailed, but no specific format is given*

Scripture and Christ are central

Intellect and emotion are involved

Instruction and conversation are involved

Modeling and imitation are involved

Know

Trust

Obey

### Common Mistakes that Defeat the Family Devotions

Unrealistic expectations

Never settling on a regular time

Embarrassment over failures

Treating it like a chore

A spouse does not participate

Failing to adapt to the audience

### Ideas for the Family Devotions

Scripture

Read

Memorize

Sing

Prayer

Different focuses