

Sermon Series: Living Successfully for God

10/12/25 “Teaching,” Deut. 6, MEV

INTRODUCTION *ever see a person do something you knew would harm him or her for life? See ways to help the person?*

MAIN IDEA: We need to humble ourselves to receive God’s teaching. Why? Here are four reasons.

I. First, to fear Him (2...13, 15, 24) *15 to not be “destroyed”*

- A. get to know Him...*loving & holy & just*
- B. see ourselves in light of who He is...*sinner, valuable*
- C. are humbled before Him
 - 1. wanting to obey Him
 - 2. wanting His goodness in our lives
 - 3. inviting Him to work in us & our lives

ILLUSTRATION:

II. Second, to know how to please Him

- A. to evaluate our behavior, words, thoughts of our heart
 - 1. not by world’s values
 - 2. not by our values
- B. & be changed by His word as it moves us to action & new reactions...*as we learn to walk in the Spirit*

EX: *I know longer need to brawl w/ others w/ words—leave to Him*

- C. & give us a chance to break from our pasts—*hurts, bad teaching, wrong lessons learned, coping mechanisms*

EX: as I obey in forgiving, I experience freedom from people taking up space in my mind

- D. & become new creations in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17)

ILLUSTRATION: Nate: We are bent in sin; through relationship—God teaching us, us obeying His word & Spirit—He slowly bends us back

III. Third, to love God with all of our being

Love: *ahab (aw-hab’)* = like love in English

- A. because we really get to know Him, deeply love Him
- B. our love for Him is revealed by our living for Him
- C. God describes our love for Him as follows

Underlined portions derived from Fire Bible note on Mark 12:30, a parallel passage.

heart: inner person, thought & emotion: conscience, courage, mind, understanding...willing & wanting to do anything for Him

soul: an immaterial part of a person, emotion & desire...our oneness with Jesus causes us to long for Him to be honored

strength: might, force...put our energies & efforts into His work & purposes, persevering with Him through any challenge

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. Finally, to teach our children (7, 20-25)

- A. that they may fear God (24)
 - 1. & be delivered (21-23)
 - 2. & be transformed (25)
- B. that He might be their righteousness
 - 1. text (25): “that it may be our righteousness...*under OT people learned they could not be righteous*
 - 2. this knowledge opened their hearts to accept Jesus

Galatians 3:24, NLT: the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

- 3. His children have His righteousness (**Eph 6:14**)
- 4. our obedience now shows that we love Him & accept His righteousness as ours

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CONCLUSION: God wants us to be taught so we can have deeper relationship with Him & be changed into person He created us to be

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