

19-Jun-2022 | Discussion Questions
Money, Education or Godliness | Deut 6:1-9 | Bro. Seng Guan

1. *Deut 6: 4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*
 - a) The scriptures commanded Israelites to 'hear' (v4), but do they need to obey the commandment? Or just listening/hearing will do. Justify for your answers.
 - b) What are the differences between saying "the LORD is one" and "there is only one LORD"? (Yes, No, or Don't know, share your view and reasoning)
 - c) Is it possible to command a person to love another? Is it rightful for God to demand the Israelites to love Him?

2. *Deut6: 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*
 - a) What did God command the Israelites to do in v6-9? (tips: look for all the verbs)
 - b) Is it possible to practise (a) in today's family setting? (Share your thoughts)

c) How can we teach our children to love God with all their hearts, all their souls, and all their might? (share your success stories or challenges)

d) Does Deut 6:1-7 help you to be a better Christian or a godly parent? How so?

3. *Mark12: 28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."*

a) "to love one's neighbor as oneself" which passage did Jesus refer to from the OT?

b) Is Deut 6:1-7 still relevant to us today? (Or only applicable to the Israelites and NT Christians)

c) What can the church do to help you love God and people better?

d) What can you do to help God's community to love God and people better?