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Key Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

#### **Teach them Diligently to Your Children**

#### How do we teach our children diligently?

#### 1) Set the example.

Matthew 4:19 ... "And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.""

#### 2) Set our priorities.

Psalm 119:72 ... "The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces."

#### 3) Set the environment.

Hebrews 8:10 ... "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

<u>Notes</u>

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#### **Question 42**

How is the Word of God to be read and heard?

With diligence, preparation, and prayer; so that we may accept it with faith, store it in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 ... "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

# Scripture to Memorize

"You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments."

- Psalm 119:4-6

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At present, the practice of catechesis, particularly among adults, has been almost completely lost. Modern discipleship programs concentrate on practices such as Bible study, prayer, fellowship, and evangelism and can at times be superficial when it comes to doctrine. In contrast, the classic catechisms take students through the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer—a perfect balance of biblical theology, practical ethics, and spiritual experience.