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### [1] Dream Families Prioritize ... LEARNING!

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 (TLB)

O Israel, listen: Jehovah is our God, Jehovah alone. <sup>5</sup> You must love him with all your heart, soul, and might. <sup>6</sup> And **you** must **think** ... about these commandments I am giving you today. <sup>7</sup> **You** must **teach** them to your **children** and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning.

- The most effective parents are STUDENTS of God and their family!

Exodus 33:13 (NIV) (Moses prayed) – **God, teach me your ways** so I may **know you** and continue to find favor with you.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV) -- Train a child in the **way** they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it.

- The most influential parents are TEACHERS of God's ways to their family!

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) -- **Trust in the Lord** with **all your heart**; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> **Seek his will** in all you do, and **he will show you which path** to take.

### [2] Dream Families Prioritize ... COMMUNICATING!

- The best communicators are the best LISTENERS!

Proverbs 1:5 (GW) -- A wise person **will listen** and **continue to learn**.

James 1:19 (NIV) -- **Everyone** should be **quick to listen**, **slow to speak** and **slow to become angry**...

- The best communicators are the best LINGUISTS!

### [3] Dream Families Prioritize ... LAUGHING!

Genesis 21:6 (MSG) -- Sarah said, **God has blessed me** with **laughter** and all who get the news will **laugh** with me!

Ecclesiastes 3:4 (NLT) – There is a ... time to **laugh**.

Deuteronomy 16:11 (NLT) -- **Celebrate** with your **whole family**

Proverbs 17:22 (NASB) -- A **joyful heart** is **good medicine** ...

### [4] Dream Families Prioritize ... SACRIFICING!

John 15:13 (TLB) -- The **greatest love is shown** when a person **lays down his life** for his friends (family);

1 John 4:19 (MSG) -- **First we were loved**, now we love. God **loved us** first.