

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.
Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV)

Impress

That is a very important word. What is a very important word? **“Impress” is a very important word.** Why is that such an important word? **I will ask you a few questions that will help you to understand the importance of the word, “impress”.** **How will you allow my word to be impressed in your heart and on your mind? How will you make sure that my word is also impressed in the hearts and on the minds of your children? What will you do to make sure that my word does not go in one of your ears and out the other? What will sharpen your focus and keep your attention on my word? How will you know without a doubt that you are listening attentively to me? How will you know for sure that my word is changing your heart, transforming your mind, and guiding your life? How will you be certain that you are taking a firm grip on my word so that you will be able to put it into practice, as you love and follow and serve me? Now, are you beginning to understand the importance of that word, “impress”?** I want my word to be deeply impressed in your heart and on your mind. And not only yours, but in your children’s hearts and minds, as well. I understand. I get it. **That’s good.**

Those were all rhetorical questions. I want you to think deeply about each one. I don’t expect you to answer every one of them right now. But here is a question that I would like you to answer now. How will you impress my word deeply in your heart and on your mind? I will study your word. I will meditate on and memorize your word. I will teach and pray your word. I will even sing your word. Your word will be continually before me. But most of all, daily I will take a firm hold of your word so that I will be able to put it into practice, as I love and follow and serve you. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I want nothing more to hear from you. I want your word to be deeply impressed in my heart and to be continually on my mind. I will meditate on and memorize your word. I will study, teach, pray, and sing your word. Daily, I will put your word into practice. Amen

The Word Centered Life *Love The Lord Your God*

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NIV Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Word Centered Life *Love The Lord Your God*

"Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

NLT Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Word Centered Life *Love The Lord Your God*

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

NRSV Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Word Centered Life *Love The Lord Your God*

Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord [the only Lord]. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being and with all your might. And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be [first] in your [own] minds and hearts; [then] You shall whet *and* sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, *and* teach *and* impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of 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 up. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

AMP Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Word Centered Life *Love The Lord Your God*

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. "You shall teach them diligently to your sons 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 up. "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

NASB Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Word Centered Life *Love The Lord Your God*

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 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. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

ESV Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Word Centered Life *Love The Lord Your God*

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

NKJV Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Word Centered Life *Love God, Your God*

Attention, Israel! GOD, our God! GOD the one and only! Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got! Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

MSG Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Word Centered Life *Love Him*

"O Israel, listen: Jehovah is our God, Jehovah alone. You must love him with *all* your heart, soul, and might. And you must think constantly about these commandments I am giving you today. 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. Tie them on your finger, wear them on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house!

TLB Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The Word Centered Life *Love The Lord Your God*

Listen, people of Israel! The LORD our God is the only LORD. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. Always remember these commands I give you today. Teach them to your children, and talk about them when you sit at home and walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them down and tie them to your hands as a sign. Tie them on your forehead to remind you, and write them on your doors and gates.

NCV Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Love The Lord Your God

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Word Centered Life – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

In Context: *Read Deuteronomy 6*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I want nothing more to hear from you. I want your word to be deeply impressed in my heart and to be continually on my mind. I will meditate on and memorize your word. I will study, teach, pray, and sing your word. Daily, I will put your word into practice. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What will you do with God's word if you love Him with all your heart, and soul, and strength?

How does obeying God's word demonstrate that you really do love Him with all that is within you?

What strategies are you using to make sure that you keep God's word in your heart and on your mind?

How are you impressing God's word on the hearts and in the minds of your children?

How will meditating on and memorizing God's word impress it on your heart and on your mind?

How will studying, teaching, praying and even singing God's word impress it on your heart and in your mind?

How are you making sure that you hear and obey God's word every day as you love, follow, and serve Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow God's word to be impressed in your heart and on your mind as you love, and follow, and serve Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God has given you His word to guard and guide the course of your life.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are impressing God's word in your heart and on your mind.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow God's word to be impressed in your heart and on your mind as you love, follow, and serve Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow your word to be impressed in my heart and on my mind so you can guard and guide my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what from your word do you want to impress in my heart and on my mind today?
