

(Hebrews 10:24-25) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- **You have a goal of them becoming well-rounded, moral people.**
- **You have a goal of them learning to provide for themselves, and perhaps a family.**
- **You have a goal of them being happy and contributing to society in some way.**

How is that any different from anyone else?

Our highest goal as parents is to point our children to God.

(Deuteronomy 6:1-4) “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it,² that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.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.

“Hear” in the Hebrew language means “to obey.”

Deuteronomy 6:4, “Love the Lord your God”
Leviticus 19:18, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

(John 14:15) If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

(Deuteronomy 6:6-9) 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.

(Hebrews 4:12) ...living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

How do we raise our children and grandchildren to love and follow God above all else?

1. We love God with all that we have.

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Our children will recognize if God is a *thing* that we do rather than a *way* we live our lives.

2. We spend intentional time with them.
