

Sunday, May 10, 2015
Intentional Investing
Deuteronomy 6:1-9
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If I am to love God with everything I have, I need to be _____ my
_____ into others.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. We can't simply "outsource" the spiritual upbringing of our children to someone or something else. Rather, the Bible teaches that it is the primary responsibility of the parents to "pass on the faith." What influence did your parents have on your spiritual life? What are you doing the same? What are you doing differently?
2. How does being intentional with our time demonstrate our love towards God?
3. Moses was quick to point out to the Israelites that they serve the *one* true God and that their devotion and love should be to Him alone (Deut. 6:4-5). Unfortunately, the Israelites often chose to chase after and serve other gods (2 Kings 17:7-14). Just like the Israelites, we too can seek after other masters that rob us of our devotion to the Lord (see Matt. 6:19-24). What are the things in your own life that might be robbing you of your full devotion to the Lord and how do these things affect your ability to be intentional?
4. A good way to keep going forward is to take some time to look back and see what God has done. Throughout the Bible, God's people are called to "remember the Lord" (Deut. 8:18, 1 Cor. 11:24-25). How does the practice of remembering what the Lord has done encourage you to keep making intentional investments?
5. Discuss some practice ways of how you can apply this Biblical principle of intentionally investing in others in your own life. As a home group, who can you serve this week? As a parent, what will you teach your children this week about God? As an employee, how will you encourage your co-workers? Is God calling you to serve in the Children's Ministry? Is there a neighbor, co-worker, or family member who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus this week?