



**Sermon Notes** | February 5, 2023

**Title:** I Will Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members

**Text:** Deuteronomy 6:4-9

The fastest growing religious demographic is \_\_\_\_\_

Teenagers ranked \_\_\_\_\_ as the number one source of support - both quality and quantity.

More than your support, it's \_\_\_\_\_ that shapes your kid.

We should expect perfection from our families. **True / False**

**What steps can we take to lead our families to become healthy church members?**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ together as a family

“Teaching our family to love the church often begins by \_\_\_\_\_ together as a family for the church where God has placed us.” -Thom Rainer

- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ together as a family

“...bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” **(Ephesians 6:4)**

- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ together as a family

**FAQs**

What if I'm not confident enough in my own faith to lead my family like this?

What if my kid has a ball game or tournament on a Sunday or Wednesday? If they don't show up, the coach will bench them.

What if my spouse (or child) doesn't believe and won't attend church with me?

My children are all grown and out of the house. I know they have walked away from the faith. Is it too late?

What about me? I'm single and never had kids of my own.

**Going Deeper** | Study & Discussion Questions (from the book)

- 1. How does the biblical teaching of the log and the speck in Matthew 7 apply to church membership?
- 2. What is the relationship of our immediate families and the church family? What biblical texts make this connection?
- 3. What is the role of the believing spouse to an unbelieving spouse? How does this manifest itself in church membership?
- 4. Why is unconditional love such a challenge, especially as it applies to church membership?
- 5. How is Christ's death on the cross an example for us as church members relating to one another?

**The Fifth Pledge:**

I am a church member.

I will lead my family to be good members of this church as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with his church because he gave his life for her.

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