

February 4, 2017

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## **build homework**

**DUE: February 18, 2017**

Before you begin your homework, take some time to pray and direct your heart and mind towards God and His Word. Ask God for help in submitting your life and thoughts to His word that you might draw near to Him in this time. Ask Him to increase your desire to know and love and obey Him.

### **LOOKING BACK...**

Look back at your notes from our February 4 lesson on Deuteronomy 6. Was there anything from that lesson that you would like to make a matter of prayer in the weeks to come? What kind of life transformation would you like to see in that area?

### **LOOKING DAY BY DAY...**

Take a few minutes to reflect on what you have read in God's word in the last month. What has God taught you about Himself from the pages of Scripture? What did you read that you would like to understand more completely?

### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

In preparation for our Feb 18 lesson (The Ministry of Paul), read through the first 2 chapters of 1 Thessalonians. See if you can notice some of the marks of effective gospel ministry that are demonstrated by Paul and borne out by the church in Thessalonica. Ask God to prepare your heart and mind for our time together in this passage.

**D2: The Home. Please refer to the worksheet from February 4, 2017 and re-read the passage (Deut 6:1-9). Listen to the audio if you missed the class.**

**Q1:** God's command to Israel to "hear" was to hear with the intent to obey. How does God's grace encourage you towards obedience in areas where you feel weak?

**Q2:** God wanted Israel to have an undistracted devotion to Him. How do you counsel your heart when other things begin to compete with your affections for God?

**Q3:** God clearly wanted Israel to put Him at the center of their lives. What are some ways you can grow your awareness of God and devotion to Him throughout your day?

**Q4:** God told Israel that His word was to be as frontals on their foreheads. This required the Jew to "look through" God's law when he considered the world around him. Is there an area of your life you would like to be more informed by Scripture?

**Q5:** This passage reveals God's design for men in the home - good heart shepherding is the foundation for good home shepherding. Is there an area of your home where your shepherding needs to grow? If you live alone, think about this in terms of the people you spend the most time with.