

GOD'S **LOVE** LETTER TO YOU



WEEK 5: THE “STEWARDSHIP” OF THE BIBLE

***CHECK OUT THE STUDY RESOURCES AT THE END OF THIS LESSON!!!

WELCOME

What is one habit, practice, or lesson you learned from your parents, grandparents, family member, or mentor that you still follow today?

WORSHIP

Read or sing a worship song that mentions or reflects the theme of God’s Word being central in our lives. What lyrics stand out to you?

***Examples of songs that mention or reflect the theme of God’s Word: *Thy Word* by Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith; *Word of God Speak* by MercyMe; *Standing on the Promises* (a hymn); *This I Believe (The Creed)* by Hillsong Worship

***You can search for the songs in YouTube, Apple Music, Spotify, etc.

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WORD

Read *Deuteronomy 6:6-9*.

1. If someone examined your daily routines and conversations, how would they see a commitment to God’s Word?

2. Read *Deuteronomy 8:1-6*. What are some warnings and promises that God gave the Israelites? How are these warnings and promises important for us today?

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3. Read **Deuteronomy 6:5-6**. The beginning of Deuteronomy 6:5 says, “Love the LORD your God with all your heart...” and verse 6 says that God’s Word should be on our hearts. The Hebrew word for *heart (levav)* represents more than emotions—it includes intellect and will. How might this understanding deepen our view and responsibility toward Scripture? How does this contrast with external observance of God’s Word?

4. In what ways do people today “write” their values on their homes and in public life? How does this compare with the instruction to write God’s Word on doorframes and gates?

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5. Why do you think some parents today struggle to pass down their faith to their children? How does this compare to Moses' command in **Deuteronomy 6:6-9**?

6. Do you think Moses intended **verse 8** to become a literal practice or was he using metaphorical language? What does **Matthew 23:1-7** teach about such practices?

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7. How can you partner with Shepherd Church to better support your family by internalizing and learning more about God’s Word? How can you help other families do the same?

WITNESS

How can you use your home, workplace, or social media to visibly display and communicate Scripture to others?

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

- Memorize *Deuteronomy 6:4-5*.
- Compare *Deuteronomy 6:6-9 with Deuteronomy 4:9-10 and Psalm 78:4-7*.
What common themes emerge about remembering and teaching God’s Word? What are the consequences for a generation that neglects these commands (e.g., *Judges 2:10*)?
- How do Jesus’ words in *John 15:1-17 compare with Deuteronomy 6:6-9*?
- Read *Nehemiah 9:30; Mark 12:36; John 14:15-27; 15:26-27; 16:7-15; 1 Corinthians 2:10-15; 2 Peter 1:20-21*. According to these passages, what role did the Holy Spirit have in the inspiration of Scripture? How does the Spirit help us engage God’s Word today?

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RESOURCES

Here are some opportunities to continue your study of the Bible:

- Watch and/or listen to previous sermons from **Shepherd Church**.
- For your Bible reading plan, use the book, *Anchored: 365-Day Bible Reading Guide and Journal* by Dudley Rutherford (order from Pillars Café, **Lift Up Jesus**, Amazon, or wherever books are sold).
- Download the **YouVersion** Bible app to read or listen to the Bible, start a reading plan, and find daily devotionals.
- **Ozark Christian College** offers free online Bible courses.
- **Dallas Theological Seminary** offers free online Bible & theology courses.
- Through the **Silo Project**, **Eternity Bible College** offers free online courses.
- **Bible Gateway** is a good website to look up verses and key words from the Bible.
- If you want to learn more about how to study the Bible, check out the following book: *Living by the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible* by Howard Hendricks and William Hendricks (order from Pillars Café, Amazon, or wherever books are sold).