



## A Generational Legacy

Today's Reading  
Deuteronomy 6:1-25

*"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."*

(Deuteronomy 6:5)

Most people probably don't have the privilege of knowing when they are saying their final words or which encounter with a loved one is the last one. If we knew those things, we would likely make the most of those opportunities.

In contrast, Moses had a general awareness of both of those. He had led the Israelites through their wanderings in the desert. He had delivered them to the shore of the Jordan River that served as the border to the Promised Land. But God had also made clear to him that he would not personally enter the land. He would die. Deuteronomy, then, represents Mo-

ses' last encounters with and his parting words to God's people. One of his greatest concerns is reflected in the words of chapter 6. He wanted to ensure that a generational legacy of godly commitment was left in his wake. Moses spoke/wrote these final words "so that you, your children, and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live" (v. 2).

Of course, that generational legacy was not only for people long ago in a land far away. God desires that today. But it is established one person and a single generation at a time. It begins as you choose daily to love God with your whole being. It is propagated as you consistently share with words and a matching lifestyle in the natural ebb and flow of your life...from morning till night, whether you are active and underway or relaxed and sitting.

Are those kinds of commitments part of your life? Actually, that personal surrender leads to the lifestyle. As you abandon yourself completely to the Lord, you can expect that kind of spontaneous, consistent sharing with others.

"God, I love you with all of my being! Allow that love to permeate all of who I am!"