



I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **Deuteronomy 30:19-20** (NIV)

➤ **WHY A MESSAGE ABOUT BEING A GREAT PARENT?**

- **Children** _____ **it.**
- **God** _____ **it.**
- **Parents** _____ **it.**

• **I CAN BECOME A GREAT PARENT IF ...**

1. I _____ OF MY ROLE AS A PARENT.

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction...
¹⁹Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.
Deuteronomy 30:15, 19 (NIV)

As for those who are not loyal to Me, their children will endure the consequences of their sins for three or four generations. ⁶But for those who love Me and keep My directives, their children will experience My loyal love for a thousand generations. **Exodus 20:5, 6** (VOICE)

Father Abraham, I beg you,” the formerly rich man continued, “send Lazarus to my father’s house. ²⁸I have five brothers there, and they’re on the same path I was on. If Lazarus warns them, they’ll choose another path and won’t end up here in torment.” ²⁹But Abraham said, “Why send Lazarus? They already have the law of Moses and ... the prophets to instruct them. Let your brothers hear them.” **Luke 16:27-29** (VOICE)

2. I _____ ME BE A GREAT PARENT.

Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹²It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” ¹³Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” **Deuteronomy 30:11-13** (NIV)

3. _____ AS MY PARENTING BLUEPRINT.

No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. **Deuteronomy 30:14** (NIV)

Everyone who hears my words and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. **Matthew 7:24** (NCV)

If the LORD doesn’t build the house, the builders are working for nothing. **Psalms 127:1** (NCV)

4. I _____ WITH GOD.

I command you today to love the LORD your God...
Deuteronomy 30:16a (NIV)

They turned back from entering the Promised Land and disobeyed as their fathers had. Like a crooked arrow, they missed the target of God’s will. **Psalms 78:57** (LB)

5. I _____ GOD’S WORD.

...to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. **Deuteronomy 30:15-18** (NIV)

- **A parent can’t _____ what they do not _____.**

Everyone who hears my words and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵It rained hard, floods came, and the winds blew and hit that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock.
Matthew 7:24, 25 (NCV)