

## Sermon Summary – February 1, 2015, Pastor Alan Smith

### “Focused”

**Deuteronomy 10:12-13** “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the LORD your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. **13 And you must always obey the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good.**” This is a requirement not only for the people of Israel but also for us. God requires us to serve Him with all our heart and soul. We are commanded to be obedient to God. We need to be obedient to God as a response to the love that Jesus showed us when He died on the cross. With that in mind, let’s look at **Deuteronomy 11:18** “**So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders.**” To commit means to say that (someone or something) will definitely do something: to make (someone or something) obligated to do something and wholeheartedly completely and sincerely devoted, determined, or enthusiastic: marked by complete earnest commitment: free from all reserve or hesitation. When we commit to God’s word we need to obligate ourselves without hesitation or reservation.

**Deuteronomy 11:19** “**Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.**” We need to teach our children the word of God. If we don’t teach them the right things to do, we know that the world will teach them its way of thinking. **Proverbs 22:6** promises us “**Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.**” As we teach our children we will learn so much more than our children learn because we have to dig deeper when we teach.

We also need to declare God’s word according to **Deuteronomy 11:20** “**Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,**” When we get confident in our knowledge of God’s word we will want to tell others because our relationship with God grows deeper. As our relationship grows, His word acts as a guide according to **Psalms 119:105, 130** His word lights our path.

We all like to eat and we don’t skip too many meals. I know I get hungry if I skip a meal. God’s word is our spiritual food. Without eating God’s word on daily, or even several times a day, we will become spiritually hungry. Jesus said in **Matthew 4:4** **Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”** I want to challenge you to read God’s word everyday so we can be spiritually healthy.