# Family Matters: Investing in the Things That Last
## Untying the Knots in Your Family's Air Hose
### Deuteronomy 6:1–14

## The Heart of the Matter

"If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times!" How many times did you hear that growing up? How often have you said that—or something like it—to your own children? It's funny, but no matter how bright you were as a child or how intelligent you are as an adult, it often takes a "thousand" reminders before the truth sinks in. That's one reason God placed us within families—to prepare us for the world, even if it takes hearing the truth "a thousand times."

## Discovering the Way

**1. Let's Take a "Family Life" Quiz**

Few methods are better suited to unclogging our ears to truth than an honest evaluation of ourselves and our families.

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**2. Let's Look at God's Truth for Some Answers (Deuteronomy 6:1–14)**

Moses commanded the Israelites to hear the truth continually, love the Lord fervently, teach the young diligently, and fear the Lord greatly.
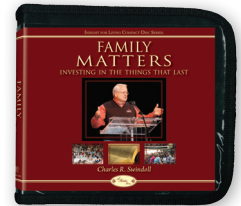
## Starting Your Journey

Let's claim three promises for your family. First, the fear of God will restrain your family from presumption and pride—cultivate it. Second, the worship of God will equip your family with strength and stability—participate in it. Third, the name of God will giv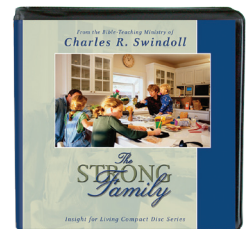e your family identity and security—repeat it.