

## Bind This on Your Forehead

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***Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.***

Is it possible we have not loved the Lord, our God, with all our hearts and with all of our souls and with all of our strength these many years? The Lord has said, quite clearly in the above text from the Bible that His laws and commandments are to be on our hearts. They are to be impressed on our children. We know that this is not done by pounding them into their heads in a legalistic manner, but the laws are to be ingrained in us and lived by us so that, like the animals in the forest pattern their lives after observing their parents, our children will pattern their lives by observing us. Hypocrisy will not be tolerated by our kids (or anyone else for that matter).

We are to talk about Jesus's commands to us when we sit at home and when we walk along the road, when we lie down and when we get up. We are to remind ourselves of His commands by tying them as symbols on our hands. Could this mean that we are to

"work" the commands into our lives? We are to bind the commands on our foreheads. Could this mean we are to embed the commands into our minds? We are to write them on the doorframes of our houses and on our gates. Could this mean that when people enter our homes, they should see the commands in operation? Could this mean that when they enter our gates, there should be no doubt about Whose commands are made precedent in this house?

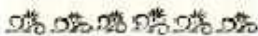
It is an error to try to make ourselves believe our own made up truths, be they "positive" or "negative." We need to relinquish our own attempts to make ourselves do something we have chosen to do, for our decisions are mostly based on carnal worldly events and not on the eternal values supplied by God in His word. I am not saying we should never put forth effort on anything. We should just never put forth effort on anything we thought of. In Isaiah we learn that God's ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts.



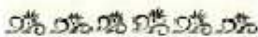
Keep in mind, though, that it is not a spiritual crime to put forth effort to know the truth as found in the Bible. This is where our

effort is really needed. This is where real, but often intangible results will be observed. In the parable of the crooked manager, Jesus said that those wanting to get ahead in the world will stop at nothing to achieve that success, but the children of light do not put forth enough effort to know the truth—and perhaps this is because the things of the world are enticing and glittery and seemingly worthy of our efforts. Treasures built up in heaven, however, do not have that false worldly glow in them. Nevertheless, we do get Godly confirmation that building up treasures in heaven is what He wants us to do. God will give you wisdom when you focus on His truth as found in the Bible. Bind that on your forehead!

Perhaps, more than anything, you feel a desire to have the peace Jesus Christ promised you can have. If so, and you haven't already done this, find a quiet a place where you can comfortably pray and allow these words (or words like them from your heart) to pour out to our merciful and Almighty God. Afterward, vow to get to know Him who now resides in your heart with you. He will never leave you comfortless.



*Oh, Lord, give me the motivation to take to heart your laws as found in Your word, the Bible. I want to know the ones Jesus taught on while He had His ministry here on earth. I want to love my enemies. I want to pray for those who do or think evil things about me. God, I don't want to repeat truths that I've memorized over and over again until they have no meaning anymore to me. I want to embed the truths into my heart and mind and soul so that I actually become a living Word of God. Help me, O Lord, actually become a living Word of God for others to see. Jesus, welcome into my heart. Help me mature in You as You are my vision, my hope and my purpose, forever and ever. Amen.*



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Thank you, and God bless you.  
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