

Children's Most Important Spiritual Influencers

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:4

“Let’s Keep It Civil.”

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the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love
the Lord your God with all your heart and
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might. ⁶ And these words that I command you
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