



“Grand-Parenting: Making a Difference”

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

Pastor’s Choice Series

Introduction:

Grandparents Day History

Campus Bible Church’s commitment to grandparents

Focusing on...

- Giving grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children’s children.
- Helping children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer.
- Helping grandparents to become aware of the strength, information, and guidance they have to offer their grandchildren!

Encouragement of Scripture:

“God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when *I am* old and gray, God, do not abandon me, Until I declare Your strength to *this* generation, Your power to all who are to come.” Psalm 71:17-18

“For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers That they were to teach them to their children, So that the generation to come would know, the children yet to be born, *That* they would arise and tell *them* to their children, So that they would put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But comply with His commandments.” Psalm 78:5-7

If we want to make a difference in our children’s and grandchildren’s lives, there are some scriptural guidelines we can follow.

Our Text: ⁹“Only be careful for yourself and watch over your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons. ¹⁰Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, ‘Assemble the people to Me, that I may have them hear My words so that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.’” Deuteronomy 4:9-10

Israel is an example to us...1 Corinthians 10:1-7,

Guideline #1...Develop a Growing Relationship with the Lord

“Only be careful for yourself and watch over your soul diligently...” (vs.9)

“This will happen when we follow Moses’ words...⁴“Hear, Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!⁵ And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

This happens when...

- We recognize and believe who God says He is.
- We love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength.
- We place God’s truth in our heart.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest command is, He use these words. ²⁹ *“Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘HEAR, ISRAEL! THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE; ³⁰ AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.” (Mark 12:29-30)*

- We place God’s truth in our heart.
We are to let God’s word penetrate our very being.

What will this maturity look like?

The Psalmist gives us insight into a mature person of advanced years...

¹² The righteous person will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courtyards of our God. ¹⁴ They will still yield fruit in advanced age; They will be full of sap and very green, ¹⁵ To declare that the LORD is just; *He is my rock, and there is no malice in Him.* (Psalm 92:12-15)

The Psalmist tells us that there are three things that characterize the person who walks with God throughout their life...

- a. They will flourish like a palm tree and grow strong like a cedar of Lebanon. (vs. 12-13)
- b. They will be fruitful in old age. (vs. 14)
- c. Their testimony will remain firm to the very end of their lives. (vs. 15)

Guideline #2...Remember what God has done.

“...so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life.”

- Remember the highlights of God’s working in our lives.
- Do not let the works of God depart from your heart

Guideline #3...Tell your sons/daughters and grandsons/granddaughters what God has done in your life.

“...but make them known to your sons and your grandsons.” (Deuteronomy 4:9)

⁷ *And you shall repeat them diligently to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up. ⁸ You shall also tie them as a sign to your hand, and they shall be as frontlets on your forehead. ⁹ You shall also write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*
(Deuteronomy 6:7-9)

We need to talk to our children and grandchildren about God when...

- We sit in our house
- We walk on the road
- We lie down
- We get up

Conclusion:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are you currently doing to “make a difference” in your children’s and grandchildren’s lives?
2. How are you developing your personal relationship with the Lord?
3. How can you share with your children and grandchildren your spiritual journey?
4. What are some of the special things God has done in your life over the years?
5. How can you make opportunities to share your faith with your children and grandchildren?