

WHAT WE OWE THE NEXT GENERATION

After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel. ¹¹Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD and served the Baals. ¹²They forsook the LORD, the God of their ancestors, who had brought them out of Egypt. They followed and worshiped various gods of the peoples around them.

Judges 2:10-12 (NIV)

1. We owe the next generation our EXAMPLE. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

2. We owe the next generation our STORIES. (Psalm 112:1-7)

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. ²I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old— ³things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. ⁵He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, ⁶so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. ⁷Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Psalm 112:1-7 (NIV)

3. We owe the next generation our INVESTMENT. (Deuteronomy 6:1-9)

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ²so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. ⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress 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. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NIV)

4. We owe the next generation our BLESSING. (Psalm 112:1-3)

Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands. ²Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will

be blessed. ³Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Psalm 112:1-3 (NIV)