

Pass It On

A mother has great influence over her children, and will often pass on her interests to her children.

“Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” I Timothy 4:8 Moms, if you long for the Lord’s coming, your children will likely follow in your footsteps.

Five Traits You Will Tend to Pass On to Your Children:

1. How You _____(Work).

- a. *“I know your deeds, your hard work, and your perseverance.” Revelation 2:2*
- b. Who taught you how to work? And who taught you how to work for the Lord? If that is part of the legacy handed down to you from your parents, you are a blessed person.

2. What You _____(Tolerate)

- a. *“I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.” Revelation 2:2*
- b. What you tolerate, your children will tend to embrace. What TV shows, music, entertainment, language, and jokes do you tolerate?

3. How You Handle _____(Adversity)

- a. *“You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.” Revelation 2:3*
- b. How did you parents handle adversity? When the heat was on, what did they do?
- c. Adversity will always either draw you closer to God, or push you farther away. It will never leave you the same. The choice is yours.

4. What You Are _____(Passionate) About

- a. *“Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.” Revelation 2:4-5*
- b. Every person has something they are passionate about. Do your children know what you’re passionate about? Do they know what your first love is?
- c. Only one Man created you, rescued you from sin, redeemed you with his blood, and is making a home for you in heaven. He wants to be your first love.

5. What You _____(Hate)

- a. *“But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.” Revelation 2:6*
- b. Always remember we are not to hate any people, only their deeds!

- c. *“There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies, and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.”*
Proverbs 6:16-19
- d. God hates sin, and we should too!

If your mom is still alive, talk to her today and thank her for the positive traits she handed down to you. If your mom isn't alive, talk to God and thank him for the positive traits handed down by your mother. If your mom slipped up in some areas, learn from her weaknesses, have grace, and forgive.