

Every Good Path: Inter-Generational Wisdom

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1. God Designed Wisdom To Be Passed From One Generation To The Next

- *Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. For I too was a son to my father, still tender, and cherished by my mother. Then he taught me, and he said to me, "Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live. Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown." (Proverbs 4:1-9 NIV)*
- *A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother. (Proverbs 15:20 ESV)*

2. We All Have A Role In Learning, Transferring, And Applying Wisdom

- *The glory of young men is their strength, but the splendor of old men is their gray hair. (Proverbs 20:29 ESV)*
- a. **Older Generation's Role: Discover Wisdom And Pass It On**
- b. **Younger Generation's Role: Learn Wisdom And Apply It**

3. Satan Wins When Inter-Generational Wisdom Breaks Down

- *The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures. (Proverbs 30:17 ESV)*

4. A Culture Of Inter-Generational Wisdom Requires:

a. Humility

- *When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. (Proverbs 11:2 NIV)*
- *Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life. (Proverbs 22:4 NIV)*

b. Teachability

- *Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; (Proverbs 9:9 ESV)*

c. Intentionality

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Pastor's Challenge: Thank Someone Who Has Passed Wisdom To You