

THE CROWN OF THE ELDERLY

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The Bible speaks very clear to Christian grandparents...
“Grandchildren are the crown of the elderly” ... (Proverbs 17:6a)

Five values for a Christian grandparent to consider when desiring to have a spiritual impact in the lives of their grandchildren.

1. PRAY for your grandchildren.
2. Be a ROLE MODEL to your grandchildren.
3. Ask your grandchildren QUESTIONS and LISTEN to their ANSWERS.
4. Tell your grandchildren your PERSONAL STORIES.
5. Set the HOPE of your grandchildren in GOD (Psalm 78:5-7).

Conclusions:

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Deuteronomy 4:9 “Only give heed to yourself and keep 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.”

QUICK REVIEW

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. What does it mean to be an ambassador for Jesus? What are some of the duties we should display to the world as His ambassadors? Discuss how Auburn Grace is doing as a **praying, sending, going** and **welcoming** church. What is your role in this?
2. Describe a time when someone helped you grow significantly in your faith journey. What specific things did they say or do that moved you to greater transformation in Christ? Have you been able to “pay it forward”? Why do you think that is?

MY STORY

1. Proverbs 16a says that, “Grandchildren are the crown of old men...” The implication here is that God’s intention is to keep generations together. In your experience with the elderly, what ways have you discovered that benefit both the old and the young? How can we draw together so that, by God’s design, there is glory from generation to generation?
2. It is a common idea that grandparents get a “do-over” with their grandchildren. These grandparents are attempting to correct past parental shortcomings through their relationships with their grandchildren. What are the pitfalls of pursuing this mindset? Are there any benefits to it?

GOING DEEP

1. As we get older we are outwardly wasting away. However, if we are planted in the “house of the Lord” we will always bear fruit. (see Psalm 92:13b – 15) What are some of the fruit (increasing virtues) that grandparents/elderly bear that can be distinguished from the fruit of a younger generation?
2. As a group, discuss a strategy for spiritually impacting the lives of grandchildren. Compare and contrast this strategy with one for impacting our **children’s** generation.
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-2, then read Philippians 4:9. In the first passage, Moses is talking about precepts from God that must be **taught** through the generations. In the Philippians verse, Paul is talking about these very things that have been taught through time, but his emphasis is on what is **caught** (practiced). Why are these two approaches so important to deploy together in terms of spiritual formation for our children’s children and beyond?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for **you** to remember?