

PASSING THE BATON

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1) God desires that we _____.

Psalms 78:4–7 (NLT) (4) We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders. (5) For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, (6) so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. (7) So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.

Joel 1:3 (NLT) (3) Tell your children about it in the years to come, and let your children tell their children. Pass the story down from generation to generation.

Proverbs 13:22a (NLT) (22) Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren,...

2) Retirement from work is not retirement from _____.

Psalms 71:18 (NLT) (18) Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.

Titus 2:2–5 (NLT) (2) Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience. (3) Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good. (4) These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, (5) to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.

3) We need to shift from _____ once our children are grown and married.

Genesis 2:24 (NLT) (24) This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

WHEN A COUPLE GETS MARRIED, IT IS GOD'S DESIGN THAT THE NEW HOUSEHOLD HAS A NEW AUTHORITY STRUCTURE.

4) We need to _____ ourselves in the lives of our adult children.

Example 1: Laban's family and his relationship with his son-in-law Jacob (Genesis 31)

Genesis 31:43 (NLT) (43) Then Laban replied to Jacob, "These women are my daughters, these children are my grandchildren, and these flocks are my flocks—in fact, everything you see is mine. But what can I do now about my daughters and their children?"

Example 2: Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau (Genesis 27)

DO YOUR ADULT CHILDREN FEEL CLOSER TO YOU AFTER THEY SPEND TIME WITH YOU OR DO THEY FEEL LIKE THEY NEED TO RECOVER FROM THE VISIT?

YOU CANNOT DEMAND A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR ADULT CHILDREN. YOU CAN ONLY CULTIVATE ONE.

5) We need to find Biblical ways to continue to _____ into our children's and grandchildren's lives.

a) Use _____ to teach Biblical truths.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NLT) (6) And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. (7) Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. (8) Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. (9) Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

b) Balance _____ with suggesting changes.

Proverbs 18:21a (NLT) (21) The tongue can bring death or life;...

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) (11) So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

c) _____ instead of giving answers.

d) Wait to be _____ instead of forcing yourself into their lives.

e) Be the _____.

6) We need to _____ for our adult children and grandchildren.

"As for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."

- Joshua 24:15

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