

Fundamentals Of The Church

Grandparents

(II Ti 1:5)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
 - a. Good to see each of you once again.
2. Series of lessons on "Fundamentals Of The Church"
 - a. Moms; Wives; Husbands; Children
3. This morning we will look at Grandparents
 - a. Grandparents are one of Gods most wonderful creations or allowances
 - b. Grandparents bring smiles when tears are plenty they bring stability during fragility
4. Grandparents...
 - a. Grandparents have a way of making everything great and getting our minds off of worries or things that might be bothersome
 - i. One man tells of the car ride to his grandma's home.
 - ii. He had severe case of car sickness...after 20 miles it was time to pull over
 - iii. His grandmother lived 100 miles away and he dreaded the trip to her home
 - iv. However once he got there grandma's everything was forgotten
 - v. "But once arrived, [I] would take off [my] shoes and roam around the beautiful country. Grandma would bake the most delicious cake and always say "yes." For two to three days, [I] would thoroughly enjoy [my] stay at grandma's, until it was time to return. And while at grandma's...[I] had forgotten all about the car-sick trip going there." (Tan, Paul Lee: Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations : A Treasury of Illustrations, Anecdotes, Facts and Quotations for Pastors, Teachers and Christian Workers. Garland TX : Bible Communications, 1996, c1979)
5. So what does God expect from grandparents?

I. Set An Example

- A. Your life will help shape your children & grandchildren
 1. **II Ti 1:5**
- B. You do this by...
 1. Living a life of faithfulness ie being actively involved in spiritual growth
 - i. During congregational worship times
 - a. Can your grandchildren see your love of worshipping God?
 1. **Ps 9:1** "I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works."
 - ii. During home time...outside the attendance times
 - a. Can your grandchildren see your love of God?
 1. **Mt 6:33** "Seek first the kingdom of God..."
 2. Praying constantly for your children & grandchildren
 - i. This is usually one of the primary ways of helping (**Ja 5:16**)
 - a. Many grandparents don't live close to family

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- ii. Prayer for our children and grandchildren...
 - a. Ken Smith wrote, “We should not pray that God would exempt our children and grandchildren from pain, but that He would limit that pain to only that necessary for their growth and that He would help them learn and benefit fully from it.”
(<http://www.csmin.org/newsletter/Spring05Newsltr.pdf>)
- iii. Illustration
 - a. Bruce C. Johnson wrote, “My grandmother had prayed first thing in the morning ever since she was a girl. But recently she has been reading the newspaper first, so I asked if prayer had become less important to her. “Oh, no,” she said, “I’m just looking to see what I should pray about.” (Tan, Paul Lee: Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations : A Treasury of Illustrations, Anecdotes, Facts and Quotations for Pastors, Teachers and Christian Workers. Garland TX : Bible Communications, 1996, c1979)

II. Give Counsel & Advice

- A. Wisdom for the physical life
 - 1. Financial wisdom
 - 2. Practical ie life wisdom
 - i. These things are good but shouldn’t be the only wisdom given
- B. Wisdom for the spiritual life
 - 1. Spiritual growth never ends
 - i. **II Pt 3:18** “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”
 - 2. Spiritual maturity must be taught by the “mature”
 - i. **Ti 2:2-8** “Older men/women teach the younger”

III. Have Dignity & Grace

- A. Webster’s Dictionary on dignity & grace
 - 1. Dignity “the quality or state of being worthy, honored, or esteemed”
 - 2. Grace “the quality or state of being considerate or thoughtful”
- B. Grandparents should have dignity
 - 1. They should be elevated by the young ie respected
 - i. **Lv 19:32** “You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD.”
- C. Grandparents should have grace
 - 1. Grandparents are the most thoughtful people in the world usually
 - i. **Pr 20:29** “The glory of young men is their strength, And the splendor of old men is their gray head.”
 - 2. Everyone for the most part has this thought about their grandma and/or grandpa

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CONCLUSION

1. Notice **Ps 128** “Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways. 2 When you eat the labor of your hands, You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In the very heart of your house, Your children like olive plants All around your table. 4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the LORD. 5 The LORD bless you out of Zion, And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life. 6 Yes, may you see your **children's children**. Peace be upon Israel!”
 - a. May we each see our children’s children and love and care for them in the Lord.
2. Invitation
 - a. God's Plan of Salvation
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**