

The Family, Part 10:
“Influenced by godly Grandparents”
Deuteronomy 6:1-9

I. Grandparents must realize that they are in an important position.

- A. They are an important part of the lives of their children and grandchildren.
- B. They are a major influence in the lives of their children and grandchildren.
- C. They are still bearing fruit.

(Exodus 10:1-2; Deuteronomy 4:9-10; Psalm 78:1-7; 92:12-15)

II. Grandparents have an opportunity to make an impact upon their grandchildren.

- A. They can be a part of the lives of their children and grandchildren.
- B. They can model a life of godliness before the children and grandchildren.
- C. They can pray for their children and grandchildren (the most powerful thing they can do).

(Joshua 4:1-9; Psalm 103:17-18)

Scripture References and Notes

Psalm 145:1-7

¹ I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. ² Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever. ³ Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness *is* unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. ⁵ I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous works. ⁶ *Men* shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, And I will declare Your greatness. ⁷ They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, And shall sing of Your righteousness.

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

⁹ "Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, ¹⁰ *especially concerning* the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and *that* they may teach their children.'

Psalm 78:1-7

¹ Give ear, O my people, *to* my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, ³ Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide *them* from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. ⁵ For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; ⁶ That the generation to come might know *them*, The children *who* would be born, *That* they may arise and declare *them* to their children, ⁷ That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments...

Exodus 10:1-2

¹ Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, ² and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I *am* the LORD."

Psalm 92:12-15

¹² The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. ¹³ Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, ¹⁵ To declare that the LORD is upright; *He is* my rock, and *there is* no unrighteousness in Him.

Joshua 4:1-9

¹ And it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over the Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying: ² "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe, ³ and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. You shall carry them over with you and leave them in the lodging place where you lodge tonight.' " ⁴ Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Israel, one man from every tribe; ⁵ and Joshua said to them: "Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, ⁶ that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones *mean* to you?' ⁷ Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever." ⁸ And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Jordan, as the LORD had spoken to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. ⁹ Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

Psalm 103:17-18

¹⁷ But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

*Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the New King James Version.