



Grandparent Ministry

Lesson 9

How Do I Leave a Godly Legacy?

Oh, how grandma loved us. But, you know what? She loved Jesus even more! (pg 86)

- A little guy due in April

Introducing



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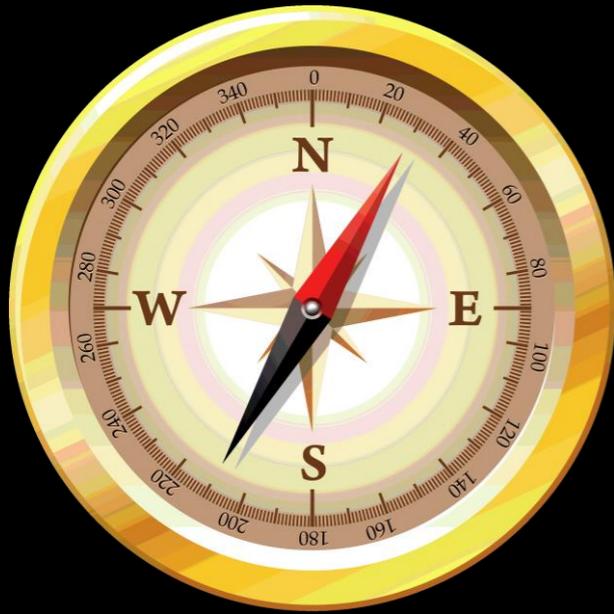
Leaving a Legacy

Tim & Darcy Kimmel

- **Grace Based Grandparenting : Discovering the Secrets to Heart Connection**
 - Session 3: Leaving a Legacy
 - <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/448822?episode=3>

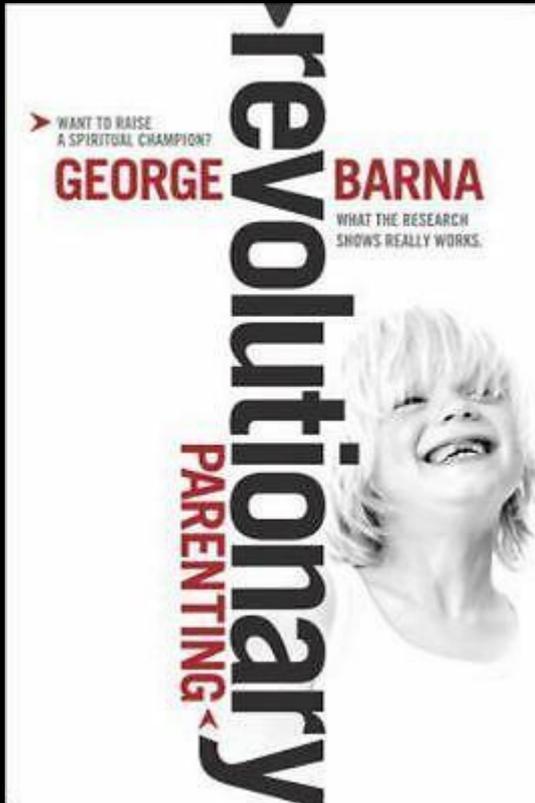


Big Idea



- As grandparents, we want to leave a legacy for our grandchildren—not just a legacy of money or things, but a legacy of faith, love, and dependence on Jesus
(pg 85)
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Are they feeling inadequate?



George Barna, *Revolutionary Parenting*

- “...fewer than one out of every five parents of young children believe they are doing a good job of training their children morally and spiritually.”
- “In rating 15 indicators of parenting performance, parents ranked their efforts related to **morality and spirituality at the bottom** of the list.”

We are not stuck, fellow grandparents. As Christians, there's no reason to have a defeatist attitude, “Well, that's just the way I am. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.” Listen: We're not dogs. We are redeemed image-bearers of the God who has given us his amazing grace, not only for initial salvation, but for the ongoing transformation of our daily lives. (pg 91)

legacy \ 'le-gə-sē \

- something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past

Whose life impacted you the most as a young person? What was it about this person's life that gripped you?

“A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.” – Luke 6:40

1 Tim 1:5 - 7

The Apostle Paul recognizing the impact of both Timothy's mother and grandmother in his spiritual upbringing

For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in **your grandmother Lois** and **your mother Eunice**, and I am sure that it is in you as well. For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.



Titus 2 Checklists

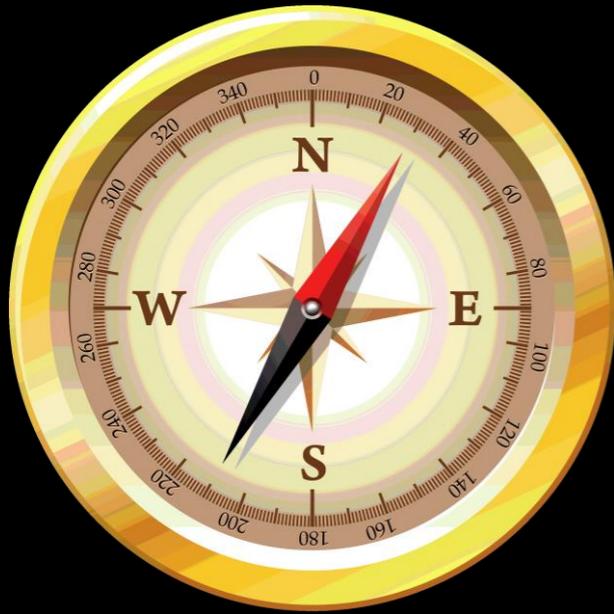
Older men are to be...

- Temperate
- Dignified
- Sensible
- Sound in faith
- Sound in love, and
- Sound in perseverance

Older women are to be...

- Reverent in their behavior
- Not malicious gossips
- Not enslaved to much wine
- Teaching what is good
- Encouraging the young women

Big Idea #2



- Ordinary Christians can live extraordinary lives because they are empowered by God's extraordinary grace (pg 91)

(by being passionate, focused and intentional)

Dr. Tony Evans

13:05 – 45:04

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Psalm 128

- *How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, You will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine Within your house, Your children like olive plants Around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion, And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!*

Luke 6:40

“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher”

- To some degree, our lives begin to be replicated in the lives of our grandchildren. In some ways, our grandchildren become like us. They will reflect our character, our priorities, and our perspectives on life and eternity. It's not just what we say to our grandkids that can leave an impact. It's not just the activities we do with them. It's who we are.



Discussion Questions:

- Whose life impacted you the most as a young person? What was it about this person's life that gripped you?
- At your funeral, what kinds of things do you hope your grandchildren will say about your impact on their lives? What will they say marked your life? What were you passionate about?
- If you were to write out copies of your will for your grandchildren, what non-material things would you want to leave to them?



Discussion Questions:

- In Deuteronomy 4:9, before the directive for parents and grandparents to pass along to the coming generations the message of God's greatness and grace, there is this command: "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently." How does that command speak to you personally in your present situation?



Action Steps

- Write out two or three desires you have for your grandchildren. How do these reflect God's priorities as found in his Word? Do any necessary editing of your short list after careful reflection.
- Plan a time for sharing your testimony with your grandchildren—the story of your own spiritual journey to Christ and with Christ.
- Do you have some photo albums of your own children growing up? Plan a time to sit with your grandchildren and show them photos of their parents growing up, telling them stories and life lessons.

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- The Wisdom Series

- The Bible Project

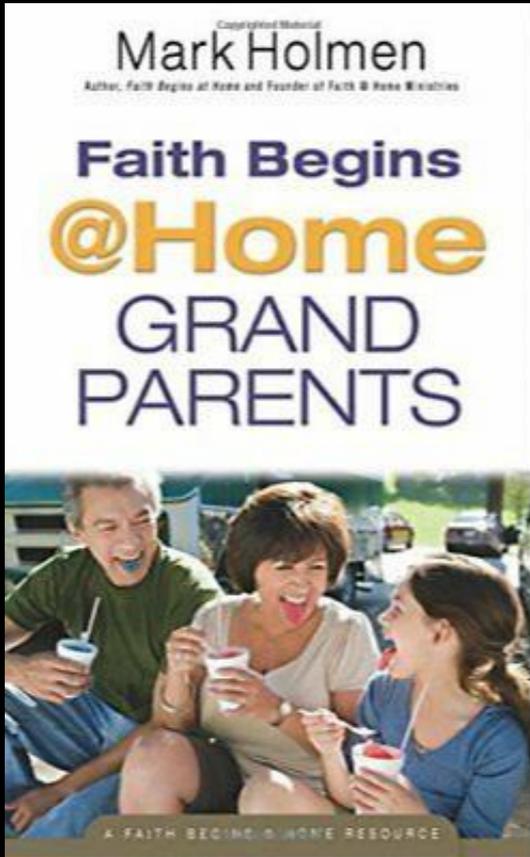
- <https://bibleproject.com/explore/wisdom-series/>



(Wisdom)

Four ways to influence...

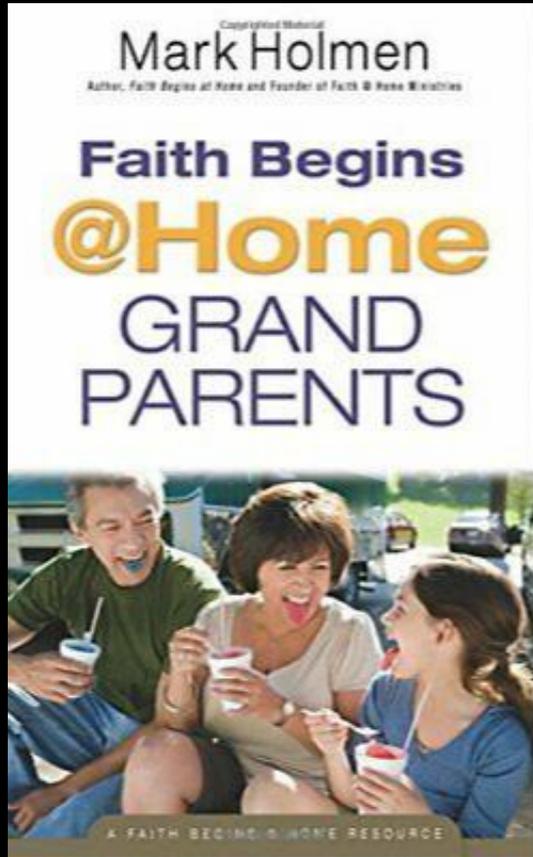
- Influence Them to Remember
- Influence Them to Fear
- Influence Them to Serve
- Influence Them to Stay True



Joshua 24:14-15 "Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth...choose for yourselves today whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:25 "So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day...and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the Lord."

Even If They Stray, You Stay



- When [prodigal decisions happen] we need to trust in the promises of God, be careful that we don't let this take us off course and remain in a loving relationship with Christ so that God can work through us to bring them home. If we aren't careful and don't remain, then we close ourselves to the opportunity of being used by God to bring them home.
 1. Trust in the commands, decrees, laws and promises of God
 2. Be mindful and careful of Satan's attacks
 3. Stay in love with God and remain committed
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Overcoming Roadblocks

- Roadblock #1—Distance
- Roadblock #2—Apprehension that Their Parents Will Not Approve
- Roadblock #3—Unresolved Parent/Child Conflict
- Roadblock #4—Busyness/Availability

