

# IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH GRANDPARENTING COURSE

## Mission

Supporting Spirit-led Christian grandparents to evangelize, equip and encourage the future generations of believers and leaders for the Kingdom of God.

1. Grandparenting Today – The Current State of Affairs
2. What do I believe and how do I teach it? Articulating and Teaching a Christian Worldview
3. Learning about Grandchildren from God (*Ch 1*)
4. My Grandchild Needs a Savior (*Ch 2*)
5. Developing God-Honoring Relationships with My Grandchildren's Parents (*Ch 3*)
6. Intentional Grandparenting (*Ch 4*)
7. The Power of a Praying Grandparent (*Ch 5*)
8. Gospel Grandparenting in Today's Culture (*Ch 6*)
9. How Do I leave a Godly Legacy? (*Ch 7*)
10. A Call to Action - Commitments and Plans going Forward

# GRANDPARENTING TODAY

## BIG IDEA

Grandparent's today must \_\_\_\_\_ the culture and have an \_\_\_\_\_ strategy for \_\_\_\_\_ discipleship and transmitting the gospel.

## Topic Questions

- What is your best grandparent memory?
- What is the slope of your line?

## Objectives

Appreciate the current status of grandparenting in the United States

Recognize good, neutral and bad characteristics of grandparenting today

Identify the varied and challenging situations facing many of the families that are part of the course offering that might be similar or different from your own

## Key Verse

Is 43:7 Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, whom I have formed, even whom I have made.

## Outline

Legacy Coalition Video

Course Mission and Objective

Introductions

Biblical Basis

Statistics and Demographics

Expectations for the Class

What is one intentional action or follow-up?

## Resources

Grandparenting with Grace by Larry McCall

Legacy Coalition Video

- [\(301\) Legacy Coalition Mission 1 – YouTube](#)

Course Introduction Video

- [Weekly Lessons - haqiazo.net](#)

## Intentional Action or Follow-up

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- *something to take away or reduce...*

# GRANDPARENTING TODAY

Grandparent's today must understand the culture and have an engagement strategy for intentional discipleship and transmitting the gospel.

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# KEY COURSE RESOURCES

## PRIMARY TEXT

**Grandparenting with Grace: Living the Gospel with the Next Generation** by Larry McCall

## OTHER SOURCE BOOKS

**Courageous Grandparenting** by Cavin Harper

**Extreme Grandparenting** by Tim & Darcy Kimmel

**A Guide to Great Grandparenting** by Paul & Diana Miller

**Overcoming Grandparenting Barriers** by Larry Fowler & Josh Mulvihill

**Equipping Grandparents** by Josh Mulvihill

**Biblical Grandparenting** by Josh Mulvihill

## WEBSITES

[RightNow Media: Sponsored Account Available from Immanuel](#)

[Learn the Bible for Free Online | BibleProject™](#)

[Focus on the Family](#)

## SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

[Apologetic Resources - hagiazo.net](#)

[Biblical Resources - hagiazo.net](#)

[Weekly Lessons - hagiazo.net](#)

# ARTICULATING AND TEACHING A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

## BIG IDEA

Worldviews reflect \_\_\_\_\_ values that impact decisions and behavior. Grandparents should be able to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ their worldview.

## Topic Questions

- How do your beliefs impact reality?
- What is an example of a powerful question?

## Objectives

Understand the definition of a worldview and the major worldviews prevalent today.

Understand how a worldview impacts daily decisions, ongoing behavior and long term consequences

Recognize the importance of a biblical worldview in providing an objective-based framework for living life.

## Outline

Provide 5 descriptions of the item?

What is a Worldview?

Jeff Allen's Testimony

Ranges of Worldview Material

Age Appropriate Resources

## Resources

### Worldview Videos

- [RightNow Media :: Illustration :: What is a Worldview?](#)
- [RightNow Media :: Illustration :: Worldview: Everybody Has One](#)

### Summit Ministries Video

- [\(8\) Change the Trajectory of Your Student's Life - YouTube](#)

## Key Verse – Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

## Intentional Action or Follow-up

# LEARNING ABOUT GRANDCHILDREN FROM GOD

## BIG IDEA

God has placed grandparents in a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ role of influence.

## Topic Questions

- What unintentional ways do we transmit value?
- What word would you use to define influence?

## Objectives

Comprehend the special role and influence available to grandparents

Recognize grandparents are uniquely placed to come alongside grandchildren and speak wisdom into their lives

Prepare options for promoting both salvation and sanctification into the lives of grandchildren

## Outline

Josh Mulvihill – The Role of Grandparents

Introducing Grandparenting with Grace

The Blessing of Grandchildren

The concept of an image bearer

A Biblical View of Grandparenting

Introducing Family Matters

Discussion Questions

## Resources

Grandparenting with Grace by Larry McCall

Legacy Coalition Video (0:00-9:24)

- [RightNow Media :: Post :: The Role of Grandparents](#)

Family Matters

- [Grace Based Families- Dr. Tim Kimmel - Building Grace-Based Relationships](#)

## Key Verse – Psalm 78:5

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

## Intentional Action or Follow-up

# MY GRANDCHILDREN NEED A SAVIOR

## BIG IDEA

Understanding our grandchildren's need for \_\_\_\_\_ can help us point them to their need for Jesus every day—for \_\_\_\_\_ and the power to follow him.

## Topic Questions

- How would you explain the Gospel to a 6 year old?
- How about a 16 year old?

## Objectives

Understand that all people are in need of salvation due to our sin nature in front of a holy god

Value the family as the primary means to evangelize and disciple the next generation

Select and use an age appropriate salvation message for your grandchildren

## Outline

Torchbearers of the Gospel

Isn't my grandchild already good enough?

Teaching, Modeling and Guiding

Personal Examples from the Group

Age appropriate Resources for the Gospel Message

What is one intentional action or follow-up?

## Resources

Bearing the Torch of the Gospel (0:00-7:45)

- [RightNow Media :: Streaming Video Bible Study : Grace Based Grandparenting : Discovering the Secrets to Heart Connection : Tim Kimmel : Grace Based Families](#)

## Blotch

- [\(355\) Blotch Video Trailer - YouTube](#)

## Key Verse – Isaiah 43:1,7

Fear not, for I have redeemed you...everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

## Intentional Action or Follow-up

# DEVELOPING GOD-HONORING RELATIONSHIPS WITH MY GRANDCHILDREN'S PARENTS

## BIG IDEA

One the best things you can do for your grandchildren is to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

### Topic Questions

- What are five things to celebrate about your son or daughter?
- Who are good and bad biblical parenting examples?

### Objectives

Understand that no one has a greater influence on your grandchildren than their parents.

Critically evaluate the dynamics that currently exist in your family and their impacts and sources

Engage with your children about their view of your involvement and seek their counsel on how best to come along side (e.g. ask and listen).

### Outline

A Healthy Relationship – Ted Tripp

The Family Trinity

God's Design for Grandparents

Past Failures

Parental Engagement

Level of Celebration

### Resources

Doing Life with Your Adult Children by Jim Burns

A Healthy Relationship Video - Tripp (3:09)

- [\(355\) A Healthy Relationship Between Grandparents and Parents – YouTube](#)

How to Parent Adult Children

- [\(359\) How to Parent Adult Children with Dr. Jim Burns & Host Krista Gilbert - YouTube](#)

### Key Verse – Genesis 18:19

For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice.

### Intentional Action or Follow-up



# INTENTIONAL GRANDPARENTING

## BIG IDEA

Grandparents must \_\_\_\_\_ make life interactions God-honoring opportunities for passing along \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ upright living.

## Topic Questions

- Did your grandparents intentionally engage?
- What most confuses you about today's culture?

## Objectives

Recognize the overall goal that God has for us serving as grandparents in our families

Evaluate how your words and actions can communicate to your grandchildren what is on your mind and in your heart

Identify ways to intentionally build memories or traditions that can last a lifetime and beyond

## Outline

Torchbearers of the Gospel – Giving a Blessing

Spiritual Practices

Rephrasing the question

Intentional Involvement

Intentional Awareness – *The Social Dilemma*

Available Resources

What is one intentional action or follow-up?

## Resources

Getting the Blessing

- [\(359\) Getting the Blessing: How one thing can change EVERYTHING - YouTube](#)

Bearing the Torch of the Gospel (10:00-end)

- [RightNow Media :: Streaming Video Bible Study : Grace Based Grandparenting : Discovering the Secrets to Heart Connection : Tim Kimmel : Grace Based Families](#)

## Key Verse Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.

## Intentional Action or Follow-up

# THE POWER OF A PRAYING GRANDPARENT

## BIG IDEA

As grandparents, we want to \_\_\_\_\_ in very \_\_\_\_\_ ways that we live in the presence of a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ God who wants us to talk to him.

## Topic Questions

- Do you know the top prayer request of your grandchildren?
- What is one intentional act the you can perform this week?

## Objectives

Recognize the differing levels of content and depth related to the prayer needs of your family

Assess the consistency and quality of your own prayers as they relate to your family and how they can be enhanced

Engage with your children on asking them about specific areas for prayer and support. Ask and don't assume.

## Outline

Introduction

Kirk's typical "undisciplined" prayer

Praying for ourselves

Praying for our children

Praying with and for our grandchildren

Praying Resources

## Resources

Tim Hawkins (14:00-21:10)

- [\(8\) Tim Hawkins - Hedge of Protection - YouTube](#)

Rhonwyn Kendrick

- [\(8\) The Mighty Influence of a Praying Mom: Rhonwyn Kendrick's Story - YouTube](#)

Getting the Blessing

- [\(8\) Helen Baylor and Filmmaker Cassandra Hollis Discuss "Praying Grandmother" \(Film in Development\) - YouTube](#)

## Key Verse – James 5:16

The prayer of a righteous [grandparent] has great power as it is working.

## Intentional Action or Follow-up

# GOSPEL GRANDPARENTING IN TODAY'S CULTURE

## BIG IDEA

Gospel empowered, Christ-reflected grandparents can take the initiative to \_\_\_\_\_ a close relationship over \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances.

## Topic Questions

- What are easy ways to show value?
- What are other options for us to show the love of God?

## Objectives

Recognize the many challenges facing families today in the raising of grandchildren, related to distance, relationships and

Evaluate potential areas of reconciliation needed with a family member to heal past wounds.

Prepare a follow-up action to address a challenging situation within the family

## Outline

What you know to be true...Tyler Truths

Challenges for Today

- Distance, Divorce, Blended Families, other

Personal ways we've been challenged

A review of resources

## Resources

Reckless Faith – Beth Guckenberger – 3:01

- [\(360\) Beth Guckenberger - Reckless Faith \(Tyler Truths\) – YouTube](#)

Loving Children – 0:00 – 4:19

- [Loving Children](#)

## Key Verse – Romans 15:7

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

## Intentional Action or Follow-up

# HOW DO I LEAVE A GODLY LEGACY?

## BIG IDEA

As grandparents, we want to leave a \_\_\_\_\_ for our grandchildren—not just of money or things, but of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus.

## Topic Questions

- When the topic of legacy is raised, who comes to mind?
- What is the value of an authentic testimony?

## Objectives

Understand the character traits of Godly grandfathers and grandmothers from Titus Chapter 2

Recognize the role that extraordinary grace plays in our ability to live extraordinary Christian lives

Prepare and present a message of testimony that can be shared with your children and grandchildren

## Outline

Legacy Introduction

Wisdom

Titus 2 Checklists

Living Extraordinary Lives

The Power of Story

Level of Celebration

## Resources

Leaving a Legacy - Kimmel (All)

- [RightNow Media :: Streaming Video Bible Study : Grace Based Grandparenting : Discovering the Secrets to Heart Connection : Tim Kimmel : Grace Based Families](#)

Giving Your Testimony

Multi-generational Covenant - Dr. Tony Evans – 13:05 – 25:52

- [RightNow Media :: Streaming Video Bible Study : Legacy Grandparenting Summit 2017 : Larry Fowler : Legacy Coalition](#)

## Key Verse – Deuteronomy 4:9

Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.

## Intentional Action or Follow-up

# A CALL TO ACTION

## BIG IDEA

Grandparents should make \_\_\_\_\_ and take steps toward building an intentional plan to \_\_\_\_\_ grandparent with \_\_\_\_\_.

## Topic Questions

- What insight was most helpful?
- What resources was most informative?

## Outline

Guest Speaker

Class Feedback

Intentional Actions

## Objectives

Understand the many and varied approaches that is available to each grandparent in promoting grace based grandparenting

Recognize that we need to run our race with a purpose and a set of goals that reflect a legacy beyond this generation and the next

Commit to at least one action to promote the role of intentional grandparent to each grandchild

## *Intentional Action or Follow-up*

## **Key Verse – Psalm 128:1-2**

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.