

Make Room- For Next Generation Don Williams- February 25, 2024

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV):

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Psalms 78:4-7 (NIV)

"We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done.

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which He commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep His commands."

2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

What do we give to the Next Generation?

We give them a Biblical, Christ-Centered Norm

Deuteronomy 6:4 -12

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

¹⁰ When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build ¹¹ houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, ¹² be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

God is to be loved

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

- Talk about Him
- Talk to Him

God is to be obeyed

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children."

John 14:15

"If you love me, obey my commands."

What do we receive from the Next Generation?

A reminder of some child-like qualities that Jesus says we need.

Matthew 18:3-4 (NIV)

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

- The Child-like Quality of Learning
- The Child-like Quality of Contentment

What will we leave to the Next Generation?

Legacy is not what we build for ourselves it is what we build and entrust to the next generation.

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