

Next Gen

Part 3

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[God] gave his instructions... He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.

(Psalm 78:5-7, New Living Translation 2)

1.) Who is my next generation?

Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you... Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.
(1 Peter 5:2, NLT2)

2.) Become the next gens loudest cheerleader!

- **Your voice has to be louder than the world's.**

Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.
(Colossians 3:21, NLT2)

- **Elevate successes, affirm faith, encourage giftings.**

I remember your genuine faith.... That faith continues strong in you.... fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.
(2 Timothy 1:5-7, NLT2)

I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people... Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.... "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all... God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.
(1 Timothy 1:12-16, NLT2)

3.) Model what you teach.

You yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. Teach the truth so that your teaching can't be criticized.
(Titus 2:6-7, NLT2)

If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

(2 Timothy 2:21-22, NLT2)

Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus.
(2 Timothy 1:13, NLT2)

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.
(1 Peter 2:12, NLT2)

4.) Get back up when you fail.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
(Lamentations 3:22-23 English Standard Version)

The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again.
(Proverbs 24:16, NLT2)

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.
(Romans 8:1-2, NLT2)

Think about it...

Who is your next generation, the one/s you know God is calling you to pour into?

This may be a group, it may be your children, it may be a friend, Write their names here: _____

- **Who is allowed in your inner circle? How many different generations are you personally connected with?**

If you find that your friends are all from your same generation, think of someone from another generation you want to connect with.

Write their name here _____.

Then... reach out to them. Invite them for coffee.

- **When was the last time that you and your family spent time with someone from another generation?**

Schedule a meal with someone this week.

Write their name here _____.