



A WORD TO
Parents
AND
Grandparents

I TIMOTHY 4:7-16 ; MATTHEW 19:13-15

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Thoughts to Ponder

1. Our children are growing up in a culture that simultaneously pressures them to excel and to blend in.
 - a. Describe the expectations placed on you during your formative years by the adults in your immediate and extended families and by others.
 - b. Please share as much as you can about how your approach to life was shaped by the examples of your parents and grandparents.

2. Are you raising your children and grandchildren to become givers or takers, to become sharers or hoarders, to become servants or to be served?
 - a. Please explain the rationale for your guidance in each of these options.
 - b. Which of these options best describes your approach to life and why?

Read I Timothy 4:7-16

3. To prepare our young ones for success (1) we must be good examples.
 - a. How are you patterning “love, faith and clean thoughts” (4:12) for your children and grandchildren?
 - b. If the young ones in your sphere of influence followed “the way you teach and live,” what might their future look like?

4. To prepare our young ones for success (2) we must be good students.
 - a. Are you persistently “immersed in the Scriptures?” (4:13)

- b. Your habits of study and discipline will likely become the habits of your young ones. Please explain why that would be good or bad.
5. To prepare our young ones for success (3) we must work hard.
- a. Are you "using the abilities God has given you . . . throwing yourself into your tasks?" (4:14-15)
 - b. Please explain how you know you are working for the right thing.
6. Only with the Holy Spirit will our children and grandchildren bask in the hope that is theirs in Jesus Christ. What might this statement mean in the context of your present and future ministry to your family?

