

# Grandparents

Among all the influences I've had growing up, few of them have had the impact on my life that my grandparents have. The treasured, precious memories I have of time spent with my grandparents will remain with me for the rest of my life. I was blessed with grandparents who are faithful members of the Lord's church and, in my experience, such Christian grandparents are an invaluable part of a young Christian's life. Although we don't realize it often, there are many attributes that Christian grandparents have that we can admire and apply to our own lives.

First of all, I admire my grandparents' example. Christian grandparents should strive to set a good, godly example for their grandchildren. So often, grandparents convince themselves that the burden of a good example rests entirely upon the shoulders of a child's parents. Because of this, their duty to set a proper example to their grandchildren is often neglected. In Titus 2:1-5, the writer gives a list of qualities that each older Christian should possess. In 2 Timothy 1:5, the visible faith that dwelt in Eunice, Timothy's grandmother, is specifically mentioned by Paul in his letter to Timothy. A younger Christian should see these qualities in the older Christians' lives and follow their example. What better place for these characteristics to be displayed than in the lives of Christian grandparents?

Secondly, I admire my grandparents' instruction. We often give most of, if not all, the credit to our parents, elder members of the congregations in which we grew up, or friends for teaching us about God's will, and rightfully so. However, in all fairness, Christian grandparents often have almost as much to do with this instruction as the parents do. These Christian grandparents have often fought many battles in their many years in the service of the Lord, and we should apply the lessons learned in their battles to our own lives as we fight our own war against Satan (1 Timothy 6:12).

Godly grandparents are becoming increasingly more difficult to find in our day and time. This means that we must be more diligent to seek out advice and wisdom from those we do have. Godly grandparents are a gift from God that we should be thankful for each and every day.

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