



so amazing the influence of grandparents

WEBINAR EVENT WITH LARRY FOWLER
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INTENTIONAL Christian grandparents

Grandparenting Matters!

6 REASONS TO FOCUS ON GRANDPARENTING

#1 - Scripture Says

Involvement by grandparents in a child's spiritual development is Biblical.

"... Teach your children **and** your children's children"
- Deuteronomy 4:9

#2 - Incredible Potential

Grandparents are uniquely positioned, second only to parents in their potential to influence children spiritually.

- 30,000,000+ Christian grandparents
- Average age when becoming a grandparent – 47
- Average age – 60
- Have an average of 4 grandchildren

#3 - Eager Audience

Grandparents are eager to be spiritual influences of their grandchildren; in fact, they are often more eager than the parents.

#4 - Cultural Deceit

A "leisureville mentality" downplays and inhibits family ties.

Grandparents' worth is as a playmate.

#5 - We Can Do Better

Approximately 3 out of 4 Christian grandparents believe something other than the discipleship of grandchildren is more important. The priority, for a higher percentage of Christian grandparents, was encouragement, support, or friendship.

"For the majority of grandparents, these approaches were the end goal rather than a means to intentionally help grandchildren grow spiritually. Numerous grandparents in these three categories spoke about the importance of the spiritual growth of grandchildren; however, it was not reflected in how they operated as a grandparent, revealing the spiritual life of a grandchild was not as important as they claimed."

- Dr. Mulvihill

Types of Grandparents

Biblical

- Intentional
- Envisioned

Cultural

- Doting
- Supporting

Blocked

- Discouraged
- Frustrated

Unequipped

- Unsure
- Unaware of tools



#6 - Ministry Vacuum

Churches give little attention to grandparents;
virtually NO ONE has a ministry for them.

There are hardly any resources.

The cupboard is bare.

When the Legacy Coalition started...

- Early 30 million Christian grandparents in America
- 7 books since 2000, 2 video series
- One organization; a couple conferences

Do You See the Gap?



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Resources

Connect with Larry Fowler at
larryfowler.net and legacycoalition.com

Biblical Grandparenting, by Josh Mulvihill
Overcoming Grandparenting Barriers,
by Larry Fowler

How to Develop a Family Ministry, Webinar
Josh Mulvihill
<https://bit.ly/cgpkidsMulvihill>

Four Ways to Partner with Parents, Webinar
Matt Morgan
<https://bit.ly/cgpkidsMorgan>

Passing Faith From Generation to Generation,
Webinar by Cindy Hunnicutt
<https://bit.ly/cgpkidsHunnicutt>