

Families In Focus

"A Biblical Portrait Of Grandparents"

Introduction: 1.

- Probably every adult child, after having children of their own, has been surprised by the actions and attitudes of their parents.
- 2. Bill Cosby says that grandparents are the way that they are because they are now old and trying to get into Heaven.
- 3. Judging from what I see, and from what some of you already know, a grandparent is a special experience.

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- I. Qualities Grandparents Should Possess
 - A. Wisdom.
 - 1. Wisdom is not always a companion to age (Job 32:9).
 - 2. (Job 12:12) "With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding."
 - 3. Grandparents should be able to give wise advice and counsel.
 - B. Faith.
 - 1. (Genesis 5:21) "Enoch walked with God 300 years."
 - 2. (2 Timothy 1:5) Timothy's grandmother Lois.
 - C. Hope.
 - 1. (Psalm 42:1-2) "As the deer pants for the water..."
 - 2. (Romans 8:23-24) "Saved through hope..."
 - D. Love.
 - 1. (1 Corinthians 13).
 - 2. (Matthew 22:37-39).
 - 3. (1 John 4:8).
 - E. Contentment.
 - 1. (Philippians 4:11).
 - 2. (1 Timothy 6:6).

Conclusion:

- 1. A grandparent can be such a positive, life changing, godly example for their descendants.
- 2. I know nothing greater that a grandparent could give their child than allowing them to see Christ living in them.
- 3. (Galatians 2:20).
- 4. Remember, no man lives to himself (Romans 14:7). Your influence for good or evil will live long after you have left this world.