

Thrones (Part 8) Helping Your Grandchildren Win - Shay Robbins

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1. Why are grandparents in a such a powerful position to be the best backup/background singers for their children's marriage?

Answer: knowledge of family heritage and family members, possible faith connections as fellow fully devoted followers of Christ.

2. What are the two potential biggest pitfalls for grandparents in supporting their children and grandchildren?

Answer:

A. Leaving and living instead of **living** and **leaving**, meaning being aware of a subconscious shift from being an **investor** to a **consumer** in retirement.

B. Allowing a tight budget to stifle every other area of life, instead being **frugal** in finances and **rich** in relationships.

3. Would anyone like to share their experience in trying to strike the balance between valuing vs devaluing your family heritage **OR** valuing vs devaluing grandparents **OR** valuing vs devaluing grandchildren?

4. What does God have to say in regard to helping your grandchildren win?

Proverbs 17:6 New International Version (NIV)

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Children's children are a crown to the aged,
and parents are the pride of their children.

*****Grandchildren are a blessing from the Lord**

Genesis 48:9 New International Version (NIV)

9 "They are the sons God has given me here," Joseph said to his father.

Then Israel said, “Bring them to me so I may bless them.”

*****Grandparents are called to be prayer warriors over their children and grandchildren**

2 Timothy 1:5 New International Version (NIV)

5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

*****Grandparents' faith is modeled, instilled, and handed down.**

Psalms 103:17 New International Version (NIV)

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But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—

Psalms 92:14 New International Version (NIV)

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They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green...

*****Grandparents are called to cultivate, plant, tend, and bear good fruit.**

Proverbs 16:31 New International Version (NIV)

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Gray hair is a crown of splendor;
it is attained in the way of righteousness.

*****Grandparents wisdom is highly valuable.**

5. What will you do next with what God says about helping your grandchildren win? How do you sense the Lord leading you with the following communication steps?

Significant growth begins with **communication**: Here are 5 great questions to parents from grandparents.

- A. How can I partner with you in raising your kids?
- B. What are you passionate about that we can help you champion in our grandchildren?
- C. How can we support your marriage?
- D. How can we pray for the grandkids?
- E. How can we invest in your family?

6. How did Shay say each of us doing our part would **bring about change** for our entire church family?

Answer:

We will Revalue our Heritage -

Psalm 71:18 New International Version (NIV)

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Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your mighty acts to all who are to come.

We will Revalue our Grandparents

Leviticus 19:32 New International Version (NIV)

32 “Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.

We will Revalue our Grandchildren

Matthew 6:19 New International Version (NIV)

Treasures in Heaven

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

7. The Lord Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1-3 in a message he gave in Nazareth, saying to his hearers this Scripture was fulfilled this very day. Jesus was in effect announcing the arrival of the Kingdom of God with the beginning of his public ministry. **How does the church's calling to help families be fully devoted followers of Christ make the presence of the Kingdom of God in our community a reality?**

Answer: From Matthew Henry Bible Commentary: Jesus was to be a planter; for the church is God's husbandry. *Therefore* he will do all this (Isaiah 61:1-3) for the church, his people, He will cure their wounds, release them out of bondage, and comfort them in their

sorrows, *[why? My emphasis]* So they may be called oaks (trees) of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that they may be such and be acknowledged to be such, that they may be ornaments to God's vineyard and may be fruitful in the fruits of righteousness, as the branches of God's planting, ch. 60:21. All that Christ does for us is to make us God's people, and some way serviceable to him as living trees, *planted in the house of the Lord, and flourishing in the courts of our God; and all this that he may be glorified-that we may be brought to glorify him* by a sincere devotion and an exemplary conversation (for *herein is our Father glorified, that we bring forth much fruit*), that others also may take occasion from God's favour shining on his people, and his grace shining in them, to praise him, and that he may be for ever glorified in his saints. **KEY: To glorify means to make visible. We make the Lord's kingdom visible (think, "My kingdom come, my will be done on earth as it is in heaven"), when we receive Him as our life and live by His indwelling life (Galatians 2:20). When the church equips families to be fully devoted, extended generations of faith families, the Lord is made visible on the earth through these strong and mighty oak tree extended families being planted throughout our communities.**

Isaiah 61:1-3 New International Version (NIV)

The Year of the Lord's Favor

61 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,[a]

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to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

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and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy

instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.