

## **"Grandchildren Are The Crown Of The Aged"**

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This past week saw two precious additions to our family - twin granddaughters! For some time now, we have been praying for them, for their parents, and for their big sister who is just over 2 years old. We have prayed for them to be born healthy from a physical, mental, and emotional standpoint. We have prayed for a safe delivery and for the health of our daughter-in-law. We have prayed for our son and daughter-in-law to raise these three children up to know God and to understand what it means to serve Him.

Psalm 128:6 gives the blessing, "May you see your children's children." Grandchildren are indeed a blessing from God. "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged" (Proverbs 17:6). How uplifting to hear the laughter of a little child. How encouraging to hear a 2-year-old spontaneously break into song, "We're marching to Zion!" How wonderful to rock a young child who wants to talk about what happened in Bible class! Yes, grandchildren bring such joy to life.

Deuteronomy 4:9 says, "Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and grandchildren."

What are some of the things that I have learned that I want to teach my granddaughters?

Lord God Almighty has created and still sustains all things. He built up the mountains and scooped out the valleys. He confines the oceans to their places. He hung the sun, moon, and stars in the skies. His power and wisdom are so evident everywhere you look. He also created the birds of the air and the animals of the forest. How marvelous it is to see a squirrel burying his food for the winter and to realize the care that God has for each of the animals. How beautiful to see His snowflakes and to realize the uniqueness of each one.

This same God has also created you as a unique human being. You are different from anyone else who has ever dwelt upon this earth. And He created you for a purpose - to serve Him and proclaim His praises. He has given you resources, abilities, and talents -- everything you need to be successful in all that He asks of you. Although He desires that you serve Him, He will not force you. The choice is yours. His word proclaims the heavenly reward that awaits you if you obey Him, and it tells of the punishment that you will surely receive if you reject Him. Realize that He is a just God who keeps His promises.

Thrill at the thought of the love that God has for you. Be amazed at His mercy and grace. Rejoice at the redemption that is only available through the blood of His only Son. Love the Lord your God with every fiber of your being. Strive every day to serve Him with joy and with thanksgiving.

Love your brethren. Encourage them and be encouraged by them. Live your life so that others may see Christ in you and will ask you the reason for your hope. Remember that love is an action.

May each of us -- you, me and the rest of our family -- live our lives so that some day we can be united around the throne of our God where we can spend an eternity with Him.

Enjoy your life. It is a gift from God.

Editor's Note: This article was published by Terry back when his twin grandchildren were born.

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