

Title: Generations
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Fathers

1 Corinthians 4:14-17

¹⁴I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. ¹⁵For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. ¹⁶Therefore I urge you, imitate me. ¹⁷For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

Malachi 2:15

¹⁵But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

Multi-generational

Exodus 3:6

⁶Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

Generations

1. Find a son – disciple a person
2. Instruction – teach what you learn
3. Testify – declare what He has done
4. Disciple – do as I do – as I see the Father doing
5. Faith in action – walk the talk

1. Find a son

John 1:43-46

⁴³The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."

⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

- Moses fathered Joshua (Exodus/Joshua)
 - vision fulfilled
- Elijah fathered Elisha (1&2 Kings)
 - double portion
- Barnabas fathered Saul - Paul
 - 'ceiling – floor' principle

2. Instruction

Deuteronomy 6:1-2

¹Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing

over to possess, ²that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

Deuteronomy 6:6,7

⁶"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

3. Testify

Psalms 78:1-7

¹ A Contemplation of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, ³Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. ⁴We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. ⁵For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; ⁶That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, ⁷That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments.

Revelation 12:11

¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

4. Disciple

Disciple: someone who lives by a set of disciplines

- prayer
- fasting
- word
- worship
- testimony
- fellowship

1 Corinthians 11:1

¹Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

Matthew 28:19, 20

¹⁹"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

5. Faith in action

James 1:22-25

²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:22 NIV

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.