



1. We value productive relationships that lead to discipleship
2. We value obedience to the Word of God
3. We value devotion to prayer
4. We value commitment to the mission of the Church
5. We value godly families
6. We value the Lordship of Jesus
7. We value the empowerment of the Holy Spirit
8. We value respect for everyone

We Value: Encouragement for the next generation

Psalm 33:11 (ESV) *The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.*

Ecclesiastes 1:4 (ESV) *A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.*

Psalm 102:18 (ESV) *Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:*

Psalm 112:2 (ESV) *His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

1. Every generation has a responsibility to the next generation.
2. This is a lifelong assignment. Deut. 29:9-15
3. Growth and strength are not automatic; **potential must be developed.**
4. God is the God of all generations.

Exodus 3:15 (ESV) *God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.*

Deuteronomy 7:9 (ESV) *Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,*

5. A large part of your purpose in life is to invest in the next generation.

1. Teach the next generation to love (obey) God

Psalm 78:4-8 (ESV) ⁴ *We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.*

⁵ *He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,* ⁶ *that the next generation might know them, the children yet*

unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,⁷ so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;⁸ and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

1. Loving God begins with understanding His actions toward you.
2. Jesus said that **obedience** is the proof of love.
3. God's command are **not designed to prevent** your enjoyment in life but rather to preserve and protect it.

2. Make a personal effort to **encourage** the next generation

Deuteronomy 1:38 (ESV) Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

Deuteronomy 3:28 (ESV) But charge Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over at the head of this people, and he shall put them in possession of the land that you shall see.'

1. Start with those **closest** to you.
2. Speak words of **life** and **affirmation** to a few specific people in the next generation.
3. Express **faith** in God to use each one of them for His glory.
3. Do for them what you **wish** someone would have done for you.
4. Look for ways to **learn** from them.

3. Recognize we are all part of a much **larger** picture

1. This moment is built on **generations** before us.
2. Future generations are **dependent** upon our actions and choices today.
3. Every generation will **destroy** or **develop** the potential of future generations.

Judges 2:10, 19 (ESV)¹⁰ And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.¹⁹ But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways.

Psalms 24:1-6 (NASB)¹ The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.² For He has founded it upon the seas And established it upon the rivers.³ Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place?⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully.⁵ He shall receive a blessing from the LORD And righteousness from the God of his salvation.⁶ This is the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face—even Jacob. Selah.