



THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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Grandparents Day

SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIPS

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *I Timothy 5:1-8*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Gray hair is a showing of distinction by God in living a Godly and loyal life in Him and patience to withstand the test of time (*Proverb 16:31-32*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers (Proverb 17:6).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. In the Lord's vineyard the righteous will grow in the presence of the Lord. In their old age they will bring forth fruit (*Psalm 92:12-15*).
2. Making the right choices in life will pay off greatly in the years to come. It is the promise of the Lord (*Acts 2:38-39*).
3. Learn all you can from your elders, especially those in the Lord. The legacy they leave is very valuable (*Proverb 13:20-22*).
4. The Lord always remembers His own. He will never leave us or forsake us, even in our old age (*Isaiah 46:3-4*).
5. Children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, obey your elders in the Lord for this is right (*Ephesians 6:1-4*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Having faithful and Godly grandparents in the Lord is a wonderful influence when we walk with the Lord. Imagine seeing the

reality and practicality of the Lord in them. They are truly witnesses of the Lord (*Hebrews 12:1*). Grandparents Day was founded by Marian McQuade, because of their contribution throughout history. On September 9, 1979, President Jimmy Carter signed a presidential proclamation declaring the first Sunday of September as National Grandparents Day. This was to show our appreciation for the honorable role they play in our lives. If the children today would respect their elders and spend quality time with them, they could gain more knowledge from them. After all, their elders have lived longer.

LESSON SUMMARY:

In essence, grandparents have overcome great barriers and are empowered by great love. They conquered the test of doubt and discouragement, they understand the power of prayer, and acknowledge their hopelessness without God. They receive approval by God for their faith and most importantly, they seek no recognition, except from God.

We are reminded of their great sacrifices which made us who we are today. Remember your elders while they still can set dreams and goals. Remember your elders while they are still strong enough to do things on their own strength and can feed themselves without assistance. Remember your elders while they still can see you and hear you. Remember your elders when all desires in their heart fails. Pray for them, give them hugs all the time, and bless and comfort them always. Remember, your time will come (*Ecclesiastes 12:1-8*).

Grandparents make the world a little better, a little kinder and a little warmer. That is why the world calls them "grandparents." Besides the Lord, some of the world's best educators are grandparents.

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