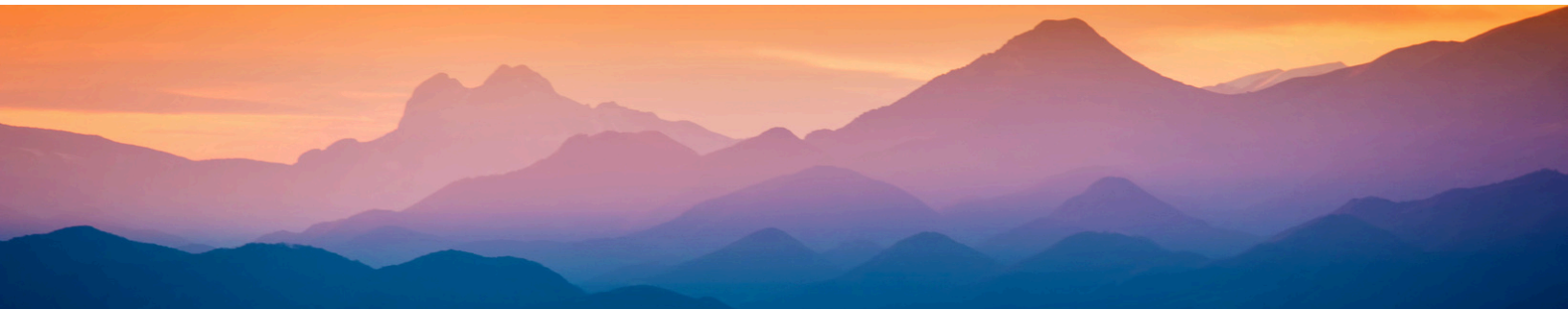


Devotional

Grandchildren Point Us Toward Eternity

As grandparents, few things bring us as much joy as watching our grandchildren grow. Their laughter, curiosity, and innocence remind us of the beauty of life. But in the midst of this joy, grandchildren can also point us to something deeper: the reality of eternity. Through their lives, God reveals truths about His eternal kingdom and our role in preparing them for it.

This devotional will help you reflect on the part you play in your family and your grandchildren's development. Let's be the best grandparents ever!





1. The Gift of New Life and Eternal Hope

Each new generation is a reminder that life continues beyond us. When we hold our new baby grandchildren, we see the miracle of life—the same life that God breathed into humanity at creation. Psalm 127:3 tells us, "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him." This heritage is a gift that carries both earthly and eternal significance.

The new life we see in our grandchildren echoes the promise of eternal life given to us through Christ. Their birth points us to the ultimate truth: that just as life begins with God, it also continues with Him in eternity. As we care for our grandchildren, we are reminded of our Heavenly Father's care for us and His promise of eternal life with Him. The wonder we feel in their presence should stir in us a desire to invest in their spiritual growth and help them understand the reality of eternity.

Praise: Express your gratitude to God for each of your grandchildren, by name. Thank God for the plan that He has for each one of them.

Reflection: In what ways do your grandchildren remind you of God's eternal nature? How does this shape your view of eternity?



2. Legacy: A Bridge to Eternity

Grandchildren remind us of the legacy we leave behind. What will they inherit from us? Will it be merely material possessions, or something far greater? Proverbs 13:22 says, "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children." While this hopefully will include financial provisions, it also refers to the spiritual legacy we pass on.

When we teach our grandchildren to pray, read the Bible, and trust in God, we are sowing seeds that have eternal value. Each conversation about God's love and every prayer spoken over their lives, is a part of the legacy that connects them to the eternal promises of God. These seeds can bear fruit long after we are gone, impacting their lives and the lives of future generations.

In this way, our grandchildren push us to think beyond the here and now. They challenge us to consider how we can impact eternity by guiding them toward Christ. As they grow, we have the privilege of watching these seeds of faith take root, knowing that one day they will carry this spiritual inheritance into their own families.

Praise: Thank God for the good things you have inherited from your family, including values, character and any possessions.

Reflect: What kind of spiritual legacy are you leaving for your grandchildren? Are there specific things you can do to build this legacy further?



3. The Innocence of Childhood: A Glimpse of Eternity

Jesus often pointed to children as an example of the kind of faith needed to enter the kingdom of God. In Matthew 18:3, He says, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." There's a simplicity and purity in the faith of a child—a trust that is untainted by the doubts and fears of adulthood.

When we watch our grandchildren trust us with abandon, we see a picture of how God wants us to trust Him. Their innocence points us to the reality that our Heavenly Father is worthy of complete trust, and He desires us to approach Him with childlike faith.

As we grow older, it can be easy to become weighed down by the cares of the world. But our grandchildren, in their simple and pure faith, point us back to the essence of trusting in God for all things. Their presence serves as a reminder that, just as we love and care for them, God is always caring for us, leading us toward eternity.

Praise: Thank God for 3 ways He is faithful in the “little things” like a delicious dinner, a warm bed, or a peaceful neighborhood.

Reflect: How does your grandchildren's faith inspire or challenge your own walk with God? What steps can you take to have a childlike trust in God?



4. Eternal Perspectives in Moments of Wonder

Children have an amazing ability to see wonder in the smallest things—a butterfly, a rainbow, or a new discovery. Their enthusiasm and joy in these moments reflect a deep truth about eternity. In 1 Corinthians 2:9, we are told, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him."

Our grandchildren's sense of wonder is a small taste of the awe we will experience when we enter eternity with Christ. They remind us that the things we see now are only a glimpse of what is to come. In their curiosity and excitement, we catch a glimpse of the eternal joy that awaits us. Watching them discover the world can draw our hearts toward the anticipation of heaven, where God will reveal the fullness of His glory.

Praise: Praise God for the wonders He has created on Earth and all the amazing things waiting for us in eternity.

Reflect: What moments of wonder have your grandchildren shared with you that point to the greater wonders of eternity? How can these moments deepen your sense of awe for God's eternal kingdom?



5. Our Call to Pray for Eternal Salvation

As grandparents, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for the eternal salvation of our grandchildren. The Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 1:5 about the faith passed down from Lois to her daughter Eunice and then to Timothy. Just as this spiritual legacy shaped Timothy's life, our prayers can have a profound impact on our grandchildren's journey to Christ.

When we pray for their salvation, we are investing in their eternal future. It's easy to pray for their protection, health, and happiness, but our greatest prayer should be that they come to know Jesus as their Savior. Eternity is at stake, and our prayers can help pave the way for them to encounter God's love.

Pray that they would come to know the Lord at an early age, that their faith would grow deep roots, and that they would become mighty men and women of God. In doing so, we are partnering with God in preparing them not just for this life, but for eternity.

Praise: Thank God that He hears our prayers and will answer them according to His will. Be grateful that He wants the very best for us and for our grandchildren.

Reflect: Are you regularly praying for your grandchildren's salvation and spiritual growth? How can you be more intentional in praying for their eternal future?



Grandchildren are a precious reminder of both the joy of life and the reality of eternity. As we invest in their lives, we are building a legacy that stretches beyond our earthly years and into eternity. Let their presence inspire us to live with an eternal perspective, pointing them to the hope and promise of life with Christ forever.

