



Sermon Title: "God has no Grandchildren – But You Do – or Will"

Scripture: Proverbs 16:31 and Proverbs 17:6

Pastor Tom Greenslade

Sunday, June 2, 2019

INTRODUCTION

Proverbs 16:31 • Proverbs 17:6 • John 1:12

I. God has no Grandchildren – But You Do – Or Will – Or Can Have – So – they gravely need your hair to be a crown of glory!

1. The Welsh revival

2. Just because you are a Christian doesn't mean that by some kind of spiritual osmosis your grandkids are or will be Christians – God's grandson or granddaughter.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

3. God has no grandchildren, but He does have something to say about being a grandfather or grandmother who will bring glory to Him and as a result be a special spiritual blessing to the grandchildren.

4. Even if you never have grandchildren in the flesh you still can be a spiritual grandparent for God.

1 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith...

II. Gray Hair that is a Crown of Glory in the eyes of our grandchildren

Prov 31:28-30 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
²⁹ "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

1. The most beautiful women I have known were godly elderly women.

a. Snakes in Peru

b. If you were ever to get to know one of those glamorous models you see on magazines you would most likely very quickly decide they were – a snake in disguise.

c. My grandmother was one of the beautiful elderly women.

2. Those godly elderly women were beautiful because their silver hair radiated this verse:

Matt. 22:37-39

3. How do I go from plucking out strands of gray hair to turning my silver hair into a crown of glory?

Colossians 1:9-12 (10 things he prays for)

a. Not every grandparent is patient and longsuffering and joyful, giving thanks.

b. Some of us understand what it is like to be older.

c. Challenge – go home and ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will, aware of where you fail and what He wants you to be.

d. Paul is praying God would fill them with this because only God can do this.

1 John 1:9 • Psalm 51:12 • Isaiah 57:15

<p>III. The glory of children is their grandparents • Proverbs 17:6</p>
--

1. God works in families

2 Timothy 1:5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

Psalm 103:17 But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children.

2. You talk about the 500, football, baseball, basketball, hunting and fishing - Don't be silent about Jesus.

3. May your grandkids see who God is through you and if Jesus carries may your grands, and greats, and great-greats carry the good news of Jesus Christ to their families and into their communities and workplaces and even to the farthest corners of the world.

Take Home Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Is there something that is ungodly about you like a harsh spirit, critical attitude, gossiping mouth, immoral entertainment? Ask God to forgive and change you.
2. Do your grandchildren know your testimony of how you were saved and what God has done in your life?
3. Do you pray for your grandkids in front of your grandkids? Let them hear you thanking God for them.
4. Do they see you treating grandma or grandpa with kind loving tenderness and do they hear you thanking God for grandma or grandpa?
5. Do you model what God wants them to do when they fail by asking them to forgive you when you fail?