

Intro: *The INFLUENCE OF GRANDPARENTS*

Grandparent Quotes:

-- *Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting.* [Author Unknown]

-- *Grandfathers are just antique little boys.* [Author Unknown]

-- *Never have children, only grandchildren.* [Gore Vidal]

-- *When grandparents enter the door, discipline flies out the window.* [Ogden Nash]

-- *Grandmas never run out of hugs or cookies.* (Author Unknown]

-- *My grandkids believe I'm the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it, too.* [Gene Perret]

-- *An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly.* [Gene Perret]

-- *Grandmother - a wonderful mother with lots of practice.* [Author Unknown]

-- *Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of their grandchildren.* [Author Unknown]

## *No cowboy was ever faster on the draw than a grandparent pulling a baby picture out of a wallet. [Author Unknown]*

## I. **A Great-Grandfather's IMPACT on Noah**

Genesis 5:21-29 —

*(21) Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah.*

*(22) After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.*

*(23) So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.*

*(24) And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*

*(25) Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech.*

*(26) After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters.*

*(27) So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.*

*(28) Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son.*

*(29) And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed."*

A. In Genesis 5, we get an account of a man named Enoch.

1. He was the Father of Methuselah.
2. Methuselah was the father of Lamech.
3. Lamech was the father of Noah.
4. The Bible says ENOCH WALKED CLOSE TO GOD.

B. What does the Bible tell us about Noah?

Genesis 6:8-9 *"(8) But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. (9) This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God."*

*C. So Enoch walked with God and so did his great-grandson Noah !*

D. Grandparents... do you think your faith will IMPACT future generations ?

- *You better believe it will.*
- *& Great-grandparents it will*
- *Grandparents ... it will*
- *Our Grandchildren are WATCHING*

E. Look At Some Of The Fruit In Noah's Life:

1. **First:** -- Noah was a righteous man in a totally corrupt age.

*~~ Was it easy for Noah to be a righteous man ?*

Genesis 6:5-7 – *"(5) Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

*(6) And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.*

*(7) So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."*

*-- That Sounds Like The Way Things Are Today*

2. **Secondly** -- Noah followed God's instructions **EXACTLY**

Genesis 6:14-15

*(14) "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.*

*(15) And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.*

### 3. Thirdly:

*~~ Noah totally submitted his life to God*

- -- Noah built the ark, got in the ark, and put his trust in God.
- -- Noah had never seen rain before the flood.
- Noah obeyed God & trusted God to Take care of him & his family.

*... Everyone one of us is ALIVE today because NOAH minded God !*

## **II. Grandmother's IMPACT on Timothy**

2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) – *"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."*

- A. Lois & Eunice taught Timothy *Proper Relationship with God*
- B. Lois & Eunice taught Timothy *Proper Relationship with Family*

C. Lois & Eunice taught Timothy *to have a ready willingness to serve God*

D. Moms You Matter

E. Grandmoms ~~ You Matter

F. There is no more important school in life than the school of home & heart

III. **Grandparents what are you teaching your family ?**

A. *Do your grandchildren see you acting like Noah or His grandfather ?*

<< by Trusting God in troubled times >>

B. *Grandmother's do your Grandchildren see you Walking by faith Timothy saw in his Grandmother, Lois ? (2 Timothy 1:5)*

C. Are you influencing your grandchildren in such a way that they become a joy to their parents & other people?

1. Are you influencing them to be faithful, obedient, respectful, responsible, etc.

2. Or are you just spoiling them rotten and sending them home ?

E. Some things Grandparents can provide for their grandchildren:

- \* Teach them about God and spiritual things.
- \* Guide them towards good marriages by modeling a good one.
- \* Be consistent and follow through on things.
- \* Play with them. *GIVE THEM YOUR TIME*
- \* Tell them that you love them often.
- \* Look for good things in grandkids and not just the bad.
- \* Share your life, the good and the bad, so they can learn from you.
- \* Let them see how Jesus has worked in your life and how He continues to work, even though you may have failed miserably as a younger person.
- Point them towards heaven as your time on earth is most likely shorter than theirs, let them know how family can all live together forever.
- Show them Jesus

- Pray for them. PRAY WITH THEM.

CONCLUSION:

*... Grandparents, you life, your love, and your prayers make eternal differences in the lives of your family members into several generations.*

**Let's PRAY:** Psalm 71:17-18 (New Living Translation)

*(17) O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood,<sup>[LSEP]</sup> and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do.*

*(18) Now that I am old and gray,<sup>[LSEP]</sup> do not abandon me, O God.<sup>[LSEP]</sup> Let me proclaim your power to this new generation,<sup>[LSEP]</sup> your mighty miracles to all who come after me.  
AMEN.*