



CHRISTIAN Grandparenting Network

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Carry The Torch

with Cavin Harper



Dear Cavin,

As a CGN Voice of Experience subscriber, I am pleased to announce a new weekly CGN email devotional and practical tips guide for grandparents called CARRY THE TORCH. As a VOE subscriber, you are receiving the first issue in our weekly series with this newsletter. To continue receiving future issues of CARRY THE TORCH, you will need to confirm your desire to be a CTT subscriber. Simply [click here](#) for our subscription page to update your profile and continue receiving CARRY THE TORCH. Remember to also **forward this email** to a friend using the link at the end of this message to let them know about this new inspirational resource.

My prayer is that God will use this tool to bless you and strengthen you in this relay in which you "carry the torch" of God's grace and truth faithfully and transfer it to another generation who will continue the race. God bless you in this important task. CARRY THE TORCH for the glory of God and the prize of His high calling!

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A Reason to Dream

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you... plans to give you hope and a future" Jer. 29:11

Dr. Howard Hendricks, well known teacher, author and speaker, tells the story of his difficult years as a young boy and the problems he created for his teachers, who were more than anxious to move him on to the next grade where he would become someone else's "problem". Along the way "Howie" found himself in a fourth grade classroom with a teacher who saw him very differently. She believed in the potential in this young boy, and taking him aside one day, she shared that belief and the special future she believed God had for this young man. Dr. Hendricks tells how that incident changed his life forever. This was the first time someone spoke blessing and confidence in him - it ignited in him a reason to dream and believe there was purpose for his life.



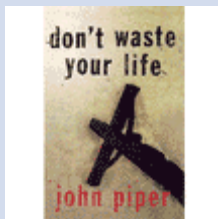
The apostle Paul reminds all of us that God, in His grace, has declared we are HIS "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to go good works, which **God prepared in advance** for us to do." How many children grow up in our world today without any sense of purpose or value? Who is there to speak into their lives the words, "I believe in you and that God has made you for a glorious purpose"?

If our grandchildren are to have a reason to dream and live with purpose, we -- at the very least -- ought to give them a reason. Our personal blessing acknowledging God's special future for them, affirming their immeasurable value as God's child, and pledging our commitment to help them succeed can, and will, impact their lives.

If you haven't already done so, set aside some time today to pray about how you can speak such a blessing into the lives of your grandchildren. You will find some helpful guidelines for putting together such a blessing on our web site ([click here](#)). The gift of dreams, rooted in God's purposes, is one of the most precious of gifts you can give your grandchildren. Make it the next gift you give.

GRANDPAUSE WISDOM: *"The poorest man is not without a cent, but without a dream."* - author unknown

Suggested Reading



Don't Waste Your Life

By John Piper / Crossway Books & Bibles

In this provocative work Pastor Piper challenges us to set aside the trivial pursuit of self-fulfillment so that we can develop a deeper passion for God. Piper believes that if we passionately submit the sufferings we endure, the risks we take, and the goals we set to the pursuit of God's glory, then not one moment of our lives will be wasted. Don't miss this opportunity to rekindle your passion for the cross of Christ and the glory of God.

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