

Grandparents Sunday September 9, 2018

WINDOWS AND MIRRORS

“Great leaders (grandparents) need to make appropriate use of both windows and mirrors. When things are going well, great leaders (grandparents) regularly look out the window, scanning the horizon for when they can thank, acknowledge, recognize, or affirm. When things are not going well, they humbly pick up a mirror and engage in vigorous self-examination long before they examine anyone else.” (Jim Collins, Good to Great)

MIRRORS

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.” (James 1:23-24)

Acknowledge – Acknowledge God in all of their ways (Proverbs 3: 5-6).

Believe – Believe in Jesus even though they have not seen Him – yet are blessed by believing (John 20:29).

Care – Remember and trust that God cares so much that they can give their concerns to Him (1 Peter 5:7).

Delight – Delight in God and be totally satisfied with His love (Psalm 37:4).

Everlasting – Find refuge in God and believe that His everlasting arms are always ready to catch them (Deuteronomy 33:27).

Father – Enjoy an intimate relationship with our heavenly Father (Matthew 6:9).

Good – Believe that God always fulfills all of His good promises (Joshua 21:45).

Hope – Hope in their Saviour all the day long (Psalm 25:5).

Infinite – Accept and enjoy God’s infinite love (Psalm 103:11).

Joy – Believe in Jesus and experience inexpressible joy (1 Peter 1:8).

Know – Take time to be still and truly know God (Psalm 46:10).

Love – Love the Lord God with all their heart and love their neighbors as themselves (Matthew 22:37).

Mercy – Show mercy to all people (Matthew 5:7).

Nothing – Believe and live out the truth that nothing can separate them from the love of God (Romans 8:31-39).

Open – Open the door of their lives to Jesus and allow Him to have control of every area (Revelation 3:20).

Please – Make their first priority pleasing God (2 Corinthians 5:9).

Quiet – Closely follow the Shepherd to the quiet waters (Psalm 23:2).

Redeemer – Remember that their Redeemer lives (Job 19:25).

Strength – Trust in the Lord and find strength in Him (Psalm 28:7).

Truth – Find freedom in the truth of the gospel (John 14:6).

Unfailing – Trust in God’s unfailing love (Psalm 13:5).

Victory – Experience victory through the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Worship – Worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23).

WINDOWS

Our world is changing SO FAST, IN EVERY WAY, especially TECHNOLOGY and VALUES

ABRAHAM LINCOLN’S LETTER TO HIS SON’S TEACHER:

“He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, all men are not true. But teach him also that for every scoundrel there is a hero; that for every selfish Politician, there is a dedicated leader.... Teach him for every enemy there is a friend, steer him away from envy, if you can, teach him the secret of quiet laughter. In the school teach him it is far more honourable to fail than to cheat... Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong... Teach him to be gentle with gentle people. Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the band wagon... Teach him to listen to all but teach him also to filter all he hears on THE screen of truth and take only the good that comes through.”

The Bible is THE SCREEN OF TRUTH. IT IS SPIRITUAL LIGHT.

“Light is the source of beauty in our lives. Each colour is a different wavelength of life. When the white light from the sun is separated through droplets of water, a rainbow fills the sky. Light streaming through stained glass windows brightens a room.” (Kay Swatkowski, A Grandmother’s Prayers p. 215)

God spoke light into existence.

“WE LOVE LIGHT IT FLOODS EVERY CORNER OF OUR LIVES.” (Swatkowski)

The BIBLE = SPIRITUAL LIGHT

The Bible allows us to see and know Jesus, who said: “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

All of us need Jesus, the Light of the world, in our lives.

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John 3:16 (KJV)

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.