



DAY PSALM 78:1-7

1

Wow, what a great calling in this Psalm! Asaph, the writer of this Psalm, is encouraging the people of Israel to teach their children and their grandchildren about God so that they will know God and all His promises. The moment we acknowledge Christ as our Savior, we have a testimony, a story to share. We have experienced God's promises. We are learning to place our confidence in Him. And as we read here, we have a responsibility to teach the next generation of what we have seen, learned and experienced. I don't know about you, but I want the generation that I may not yet meet to know about God. This means I need to reach out now so that the truth carries on. There's work to do, who's with me?

DAY PROVERBS 3:1-8

2

King Solomon was one of the greatest kings Israel ever had. He had the most wealth and the largest kingdom. He sampled more pleasures and was gifted with an abundance wisdom unlike any man before or after ever had. I think it's remarkable that Solomon isn't teaching about hedge funds, investments and capital gains. He's not instructing where his son should go for the best vacations or hot spots. Solomon points his son to what really matters, what is lasting. He knows what will make his son truly happy isn't chasing the dollar or amusement. True and lasting happiness is entrusting, living for and knowing God. And nothing else can compare.

DAY PSALM 127:3-5

3

I think if I were to give any new parent a piece of advice, I would remind them that their children are not theirs. The endgame is not raising a child to have a lucrative career and buy a house next door to us. We're given these children on loan to present back to God. I get how intimidating that must be! What if it's scary where God wants my child to go? If I'm going to entrust my beloved children to anyone, it's going to be the One who loves them more than I ever possibly could.

DAY JUDGES 2:10-11

4

What was the first thing that hit you when you read this passage? I'll be honest, my first thought is, "What if this was written about me?" Notice, it doesn't say that the parents told them about God and the children turned away. It says that the children didn't even know about God. Someone seriously dropped the ball. If you were to ask these parents, they may say, "Well, life was really hectic" or, "I tried to teach them by the way I lived." But the cost of not setting aside time to talk to their children about God was so high - a price no one wants to pay. Don't pass that debt on to your children, invest in them today.

DAY 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-5

5

Here we see that Timothy was so fortunate to have grown up in a home with two generations of women who loved God and passed that devotion down to him. It was their constant influence that helped Timothy to become the man and leader he was. What if you don't have that opportunity? What if it's only you? God has provided us with an entire church family to help pick up that slack. And if your children have grown or you don't have children why not share your faith with the younger generation? We all have so much to add to the great richness of each other's walk with God. How can you reach another generation?

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