**The Heart of a Grandparent (Psalm 71 & 78)**

Sunday, June 2, 2019  AVBC 10:30 am

HOW TO BE A “BLESSING” GRANDPARENT

1. Share your ________-stories (Psalm 71:5-8, 15-18; 78:2-7)

2. ______________ the Lord with an enthusiastic heart.
   -Psalm 71:14, 22-23

   -Psalm 71:1-3, 9-12

4. Keep growing in your _____________ for the Lord
   -Joshua 14:10-13

5. _________________ bless your “grandchildren”.
   -Bless with ____________
     The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. (Proverbs 18:21)
   -Bless with ____________
     Now Israel’s eyes were failing because of old age, and he could hardly see. So Joseph brought his sons close to him, and his father kissed them and embraced them. (Genesis 48:10)
   -Bless with ____________ (Numbers 6:24-26)

*Generations you will never _____ will reap what you _____!

**HOW TO BLESS A “GRANDPARENT”**

1. Shift into a lower ___________. (Prov. 23:22)

2. _______________ them with physical touch. (Matt. 8:2-3a)

3. _______________ them to recall the past.
   I remember the days of old. I ponder all your great works and think about what you have done. (Ps. 43:5)

4. Plan some events that they ____________ (Genesis 27:1-4)

5. Honour them with the gift of ______________.
   (Exodus 20:12, (Leviticus 19:32)
   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. (II Timothy 1:5-6)

**DIGGING DEEPER**

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Can you recall some special times with your grandparents? If so, explain.
Q2: Who was like an adopted grandparent in your life? How did they bless you?
Q3: Read II Timothy 1:3-7. What grandparent principles can you find in this text?
Q4: If you were to pray for some “grandchildren” the Lord has blessed you with, what would your prayer for them include?
Q5: Read Genesis 49. What surprises you about this blessing? What principles from this text can you apply to your own life?
Q6: What are some godly attitudes or actions that we may be losing from the past few generations? What can you do to restore these godly practises or perspectives?