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**GRANDPARENTING WITH GRACE:**

**THE POWER OF A PRAYING GRANDPARENT**

**Session 5**

INTRODUCTION:

I. PRAYING FOR OURSELVES AS GRANDPARENTS

A. Let’s pray for our hearts/beliefs:

B. Let’s pray also for our understanding.

C. Let’s pray for wisdom.

D. Let’s pray for consistency in the example we set for our grandchildren.

E. Let’s pray for perseverance in our prayers for our grandchildren.

F. Let’s pray for strength!

II. PRAYING FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN’S PARENTS

A. Praying for their salvation of any unsaved adult kids or kids-in-law is clearly a priority.

B. Let’s pray that our adult children would grow in grace.

C. What Christian graces come to your mind as being especially desirable or necessary when you reflect on your own years of rearing children? Wisdom? Faith? Love? Compassion? Humility? Well, no doubt our kids need the same grace.

D. A specific prayer request that comes to my mind concerns our sons and sons-in- law, many of whom were never mentored in how to be Christ-reflecting, Christ- exalting leaders in the home.

III. PRAYING *FOR* OUR GRANDCHILDREN

A. Might our prayers for our grandchildren be ‘too small’? See Larry’s blog post, “Praying Big Prayers for our Grandchildren” [http://www.wljministries.org/blog/2020/12/1/praying-big-prayers-for-our- grandchildren](http://www.wljministries.org/blog/2020/12/1/praying-big-prayers-for-our-%09%09%09%09grandchildren)

B. What do we read in our Bibles that will shape our prayers as grandparents?

C. Helpful prayer guides: See Lillian Penner’s book *Grandparenting with a Purpose*. Also see the websites for The Legacy Coalition (https://legacycoalition.com/) and

The Christian Grandparenting Network (https://christiangrandparenting.com/).

D. There will also be those personal, particular concerns that come along in life.

IV. PRAYING *WITH* OUR GRANDCHILDREN

A. We get to hear *them* pray (we hear their hearts)

B. They get to hear *us* pray—for them! This can provide a godly model.

C. Pray with them when they come for a visit.

D. Pray with the grandchildren before significant events in their

CONCLUSION:

A. Over time, this becomes a wonderful, natural part of our relationship with our grandchildren.

B. For next week: Read chapter 6, “Gospel Grandparenting in Today’s Culture” (We’ll discuss special challenges such as divorce, distance, defiance).