



## **Leaving a Legacy Contest**

**Learning from past generations to impact future generations. What are you passing on?**

The business of life often gets in the way of listening and learning from our grandparents: those of wisdom and life experience who have lived decades longer than our children. Photo albums are left incomplete, journals are left blank and letters are left unwritten. Therefore, memories are lost and wisdom is preserved instead of passed on.

In celebration of Grandparents Day, September 8th, we are running a "Leaving a Legacy" contest. Invest the time to set up an interview between your parents and your children and record the precious life and history of your loved ones. It may be a grandmother, grandfather or even an adopted grandmother or grandfather sharing wisdom learned as well as the vision for their upcoming generations. If the grandparents aren't local to you, use Skype or Facetime or plan a visit.

This will be a wonderful family venture and a very memorable keepsake for the generations ahead! Just think of how this will connect your children with their grandparents. This will be a fun and insightful memory maker that will last forever. Not to mention, grandparents will love it!

Set up a video camera and record the whole interview or just record some of the most meaningful questions. You could even email them the questions ahead of time, so they have time to think about the answers. Edit a video to capture the best 5 minutes of your interview. The most meaningful video will win a Family Bible Library (10 volume set) \$120 value! Deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some questions taken from *Our Family Heritage* by Maridel Willer to give you some great questions: (you don't have to ask all these questions, but they will help start some great conversations.)

### **General Information**

1. What is your full name?
2. How was your name chosen?
  1. What is the date and place you were born?
  3. What are your parent's full names and places of birth?
  4. What are you grandparent's full names and places of birth?
  5. What are your great grandparent's names and places of birth?
  6. Who was the oldest family member that you remember knowing? What can you tell me about that person?
  7. What other family members do you remember who are no longer living?

### **Childhood**

1. Describe the places you lived as a child.
2. What was your home like?
3. What modern conveniences did you have or not have in that home?
4. What were the chores you had as a child?
5. What were your favorite books, toys and activities?
6. What are some of your favorite childhood memories?
7. Did you have family traditions for holidays or other times?
8. What was school like then?
9. What were your best and worst subjects?
10. How much did these things cost: gas, milk, bread, shoes, a hamburger?
11. What car did you family own?
12. When did you learn to drive?
13. Do you remember any natural disasters, such as hurricanes, blizzards, tornados, or floods, how did they affect you?
14. What is your earliest memory?
15. Can you remember any funny stories?
16. What did you want to be when you grew up?
17. How have things changed since you were a child?

### **Faith**

1. Did you attend church with your family? Where?
2. What influenced your view of God?
3. When did you become a Christian?
4. Describe how your faith has affected your life?
5. How has God guided you and protected you in the past?
6. How have you served in your church or community?
7. What life experiences have had the greatest impact on your faith?

### **Interests, Education and Occupations**

1. What hobbies and interests have you had during your lifetime?
2. What things are you passionate about?
3. Describe the type of jobs and professions you have had.
4. Which job did you like the most?
5. What occupation do you wish you had tried?
6. What education or training have you had?
7. How do you like to spend your free time today?

### **Military**

1. Have you served in the military? Describe how and where you served.
2. Why did you enlist? Was there a draft?
3. What position and responsibilities did you have?
4. Did you serve during a war?
5. What memories do you have?
6. Did you receive any medals?

## **Today**

1. What is the biggest accomplishment in your life?
2. What things would you like to do in the next couple of years?
3. What is most important to you?
4. What is the best thing about being a parent and grandparent?
5. What advice would you like to pass on to future generations?