

**PRAYING DOWN THE PATH
OF
YOUR GRANDCHILDREN'S LIVES**

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PRAYERS FROM PROVERBS

Our prayers for our grandchildren allow God to accomplish His purpose in and through their lives. We can pray not only for current issues but also pray down through their lives for all the decisions they will be making in the future. We can pray now and have answers on "lay-a-way" for when they need them. In this way we can leave an inheritance much more valuable and lasting than money and property.

One of the most powerful ways to pray is to pray God's word back to Him. The following prayers are written from Proverbs. They will address most of the issues your grandchildren will ever face. In most cases the verse is simply turned around into a prayer. At other times the principle or idea from a verse or group of verses is expressed as a prayer. Each prayer gives a reference so it can be compared with the Bible when desired.

Probably the best way to use these prayers is to pray through them a few at a time using a marker to keep track of your progress. The written verses should serve as a framework on which you build the specifics related to your grandchildren. Those that are most meaningful should be dated and revisited often. Also, praying them with a prayer partner is helpful since the prayers of two people agreeing together are much more effective than one person alone.

One caution: Just reading through the prayers may be interesting but it is not prayer and will not bring any changes in your grandchildren's lives.

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Proverbs

Chapter 1

Precious Father, guide me and anoint me to pray for my grandchildren. Use my prayers to build Your wisdom and instruction into their lives. Cause them to be taught Your Word. Make sure they see things the way You see them, for that is true wisdom. Open their eyes to recognize words of understanding when they hear them. vs 2

Work through me and their parents and others to ensure they receive instruction in wisdom, justice, judgment and righteousness. Build in them common sense. Give them knowledge and good judgment in their youth. See to it that they are wise children who seek to hear and increase in knowledge, understanding and wisdom. 3-5

Cause our children to understand Your word, the Bible. Make sure they have a proper fear and respect for You since these come before understanding. Don't let them ever become fools who despise wisdom and instruction. Teach our children the value of listening to their father and mother. 6-8

Make sure my grandchildren listen to and obey the godly instruction of their parents. Cause them to quickly see the benefit of such obedience. 8-9

When my grandchildren are lured toward sin by evil people, cause them to refuse to participate. Make sure they recognize sinful activities and evil people and avoid them. 10-16

Lord, cause my grandchildren to recognize and avoid every trap the devil sets for them. 17

Do not let my grandchildren be greedy, selfish children. Keep me from stirring up greed in them in any way. Make them see that greed can control their lives and that their whole life can be wasted collecting and caring for their stuff. 19

Father, show my grandchildren when to put away childish things. Don't let them be scornors who enjoy showing contempt for others. Keep them from becoming fools who hate the knowledge You give. 22

Make sure my grandchildren change their minds and turn from wrong activities and sin when You warn them. As they obey You, fill them with Your Spirit and make Your Word known to them. 23



Don't let them ever become so hardened that they refuse to respond when You speak to them. Make sure they pay attention when You stretch out Your hand to them. Keep them from despising Your advice and make sure they heed Your warnings. 24-25

Cause them to understand that if they don't obey You on a day-to-day basis, that You may not immediately come to their aid when trouble comes their way. Make sure they stay in a close, intimate relationship with You so You can answer quickly when they pray, and they always have Your counsel, guidance and protection all their lives. 26-28

Father, cause my grandchildren to love knowledge and to have a reverential fear of You, Lord. Make sure they heed Your counsel and accept Your correction. 29-30

Don't let the lives of my grandchildren be filled with the rotten fruit of foolish, selfish choices. Keep them from wasting their lives by living only for themselves. Make sure they understand this is route to an empty, wasted life. 31-32

Father, do whatever is necessary to ensure my grandchildren listen to You and live in safety - far from the fear of evil. 33

 Remember, you are laying up a lifetime of treasure through these prayers so expect it to take some time and effort. 

Chapter 2

Precious Father, work through me, their parents and others to ensure my grandchildren hear Your word and have Your commandments hidden in their hearts. Make sure they listen intently when You are speaking to them through others. Place in them the desire and ability to seek and find wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Make knowing You the most important part of their lives. See to it that they truly have a reverential fear and respect for You and that they seek to know Your purposes and Your ways. 1-5


Lord, give my grandchildren the grace to be filled with Your wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Be their shield and protector as they walk in obedience to You. Lead them in Your paths and guard their way. 6-8

So work in them that they understand righteousness, judgment, honesty and every good path.

Fill their hearts with wisdom and their minds with knowledge. Give them wise judgment and understanding in all their ways. Deliver them from evil people and from those who speak wicked things. Don't let them have friends who are sinful and wicked and who enjoy evil and delight in wicked activities. Keep them from those who are crooked and dishonest. 10-15

Deliver them from immoral and perverted people. Protect them from those who try to deceive them through flattery. Don't let them ever be caught up in an immoral relationship. Especially protect them from older people who try to take advantage of them sexually. 16-19


Heavenly Father, see to it that my grandchildren walk in Your good ways and stay on the paths of righteousness. When they are grown, establish them in the home, job, and spheres of influence You have for them. Keep wicked people out of their way and out of their lives. 20-22

 We shared a bedroom, my Grandmother and I (Marcia). I remember her "cinching" up her corset and the struggle she had pulling on those elastic stockings she was required to wear because of the stretched veins in her legs. Before she moved in with us to help my mother with us children, she had her own house (my grandfather died before I was born so Grandmother was a young widow). When I would go over to her house to stay with her, she'd fix the best macaroni and cheese I'd every eaten - I still haven't tasted its equal. She was great at fixing rice, too, covered with butter, milk, cinnamon and sugar and we even ate it for supper! Her backyard actually had trees in it and I could make mud pies and have "peas" which came from the long "pea pods" off her trees. We could see robins right outside her kitchen window, something we did not see from our new treeless house in the suburbs.

But the thing I remember most about Grandmother was her godly character. Her mother had died when she was 5 and her father died when she was 11. Aunt Jesse, who had plenty of children of her own, had helped raise her and her 3 siblings. At one point, Grandmother was in a Presbyterian girls home and I have her diary from that time in her life. She was the "bell ringer" which made her responsible for getting everyone up in the mornings. Her diary speaks of her giving testimony of her faith in God to other young people she knew and of the concerns and prayers she had for them. She also had fun and made record of her outings in that little black book.

As a result of the strict discipline she learned in school, she was a strict disciplinarian with her grandchildren. We didn't get away with a thing. We knew what was required of us and how we were supposed to behave. Instead of "goofing us up" or "squelching our creativity" her loving discipline gave us boundaries and made us secure. It was the most loving thing she could have ever done for us, to make us "mind" her and respect other adults as well.

Most precious to me of all, however, is the fact that we daily read the Bible together. Every night, we didn't miss a one, from age 9 to 12 and beyond, we read the Bible at bedtime and prayed. That practice carried on into my teens and even now is part of my life. It's the reason I know and deeply love God's wonderful Word as an adult now.

And it's all because of my Grandmother. Do we women have influence? You bet! My Grandmother and Mother passed on to me their tenacious faith. I'm rich in God because of the way they willingly laid down their lives for me. They had to have been tired at the end of their busy, demanding days, but they chose to keep on giving by reading and praying with a little, growing girl. Little did my Grandmother know that her willingness to pray and read the Bible each night would have such impact on me. For years before her death, when I returned home for a visit, we'd pray and read God's Word together. 



Chapter 3

Faithful Lord, don't let my grandchildren forget Your Word. Make sure they keep Your commandments with all their hearts. As they obey, give them a fruitful life filled with Your peace. 1-2

Don't let them ever turn away from Your mercy and truth. Make sure they have favor with You and favor with the people around them. Cause them to be people of understanding. 3-4

Father, work through me, their parents and anyone else necessary to cause my grandchildren to trust You with all their hearts and not lean on their own understanding. 5

Lord, do whatever is necessary to ensure my grandchildren acknowledge You in everything they do and say so You can direct their paths. 6

 The first few months of each new Air Force assignment were filled with tasks that I had never done before. When I (Tom) would faithfully start the day by acknowledging God and asking Him to direct my paths, things would go well. When I felt I was smart enough to handle it on my own, then there was trouble. Proverbs 3:5-7 tells us not to lean on our own understanding or be wise in our own eyes. Instead, in all our ways we are to acknowledge God and He will direct our paths. 

Work in their hearts so they are not wise in their own eyes and think they know everything. Cause them to fear You, Lord, and turn away from evil. As they walk with You, release Your divine health in their bones, their blood and their whole body. 7-8

Work through me and their parents to teach them to be givers. Make sure they honor You with all they have. Teach them to give to You and Your kingdom first out of their income. As they give, cause them to always have an abundance of good things. 9-10

Lord, keep them from ever despising and resisting Your corrections. Work in them so they never stop listening to Your counsel. Cause them to know that Your corrections are proof of Your tremendous love for them. 11-12

Cause them to find wisdom and get understanding. Reveal to them that godly wisdom and understanding are far more valuable than money. 13-15

Lord, as You fill them with wisdom and understanding, give my grandchildren a fruitful life, riches and honor. Make their ways pleasant and fill their ways with peace. Cause them to experience the abundant life and joy You have for those who walk with You. 16-18

Lord, keep my grandchildren from going through times of rebellion and disobedience. Keep them walking in the way of sound wisdom and wise judgment with You. As they make wise choices, keep them safe and don't let them be tripped up by the world. 21-23

Lord Jesus, be their constant protector. Cause them to sleep without fear. Protect them when disaster or violence happens. Keep them trusting in You. Don't let them be caught in any of the devil's traps. 24-26

Work in the hearts of my grandchildren so they do not miss an opportunity to do good. Make sure they quickly return what they borrow or anything that was accidentally left in their home. 27-28

Keep them from ever planning evil against anyone else. Don't let them start arguments or fights. 29-30

Don't let them envy the wealth of wicked people or copy any of their ways. Cause them to hate crooked ways the way You do. Share with them the secrets You love to share with those You have made righteous. 32

Don't let their home be a wicked place that is under Your curse. Instead, cause their hearts to be just so they experience Your blessing. 33



Don't let them be a scorner that You have to resist. Cause them to walk humbly with You so You can give them lots of grace. 34

Cause my grandchildren to be wise so they inherit glory. Use me and others to help them see that trusting Jesus as their Lord and Savior is the wisest decision anyone can ever make. Conversely, don't let them be fools who receive only shame. Make them see that the most foolish choice anyone can ever make is to reject a personal relationship with Jesus because it brings eternal shame. 35

Chapter 4

Cause my grandchildren to listen to the instruction of their father. Use their father to teach them Your Word and Your ways. 1-4

Don't let my grandchildren ever turn from the way of wisdom and understanding and do not let them ever forget Your Word. 5

 When Jesus comes into our life, He becomes our wisdom (1 Cor 1:30) and He forms in us the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16). Pray often like Paul did for the Galatians (Gal 4:19) that Jesus would be formed in your grandchildren and that their relationship with Jesus would be intimate and precious to them. 

Cause them to see that getting wisdom (Jesus) is the most important thing in their lives. Cause them to have a deep understanding of who they are in Christ. 7

Lord Jesus, work in their hearts and lead them in the way of wisdom and along Your righteous pathways. Keep them walking with You so they do not stumble. Cause them to see that Your Word and Your instruction is the source of real life. 11-13

Don't let them walk in the pathways of the wicked on in the ways of wicked people. Cause them to avoid and pass by the world's evil ways. 14-15

Cause them to walk on the path of the just. Give them more light and revelation every day of their lives. Don't let them stumble down the broad but dark road of the wicked. 18-19

Lord, work deeply in their hearts so they know that having and obeying You leads to life and health. 20-22

See to it that they guard their hearts diligently because out of them flow the issues of life. 23

Don't let them fill their minds with wicked thoughts or their mouths with wicked words. Keep them from looking at evil things. Keep them on Your straight and narrow path. Don't let them turn aside to do evil. 24-27

Chapter 5

Father, see to it my grandchildren listen to Your word and receive wisdom and understanding. Cause them to have wise judgment and wise words. 1-2

Don't let my grandchildren be deceived into entering a relationship with an immoral person. Do not let them be enticed through the TV, the Internet, or by peers into a sexual relationship outside of marriage. As they grow old enough, cause them to see the tremendous dangers of sexually transmitted diseases that await the immoral person. Make them know that immorality always leads to danger and loss. 3-13

After they are married, cause my grandchildren to always be faithful to their spouses and their spouses to be faithful to them.. Work in them a deep satisfaction with the husbands/wives of their youth. 18-19

Make them realize that they might hide immorality from others for a time but they can never hide from You or the consequences You send. 20-23

Chapter 6

Lord, use me and others to teach my grandchildren to never cosign a note of a loan for a friend or a business acquaintance. 1-5

Teach our children to work hard. Don't let them waste their lives sleeping, loafing or doing useless things. Show them biblical examples and give them current examples of godly workers from which to learn. 6-11

Cause them to see that even though dishonest and deceitful people may prosper for a while that trouble will come to them suddenly and they will be broken beyond remedy. 12-15



Lord, in these verses Your Word lists seven things You hate. Don't let my grandchildren do any of them. Don't let them be proud and haughty, because You resist the proud and give grace to the humble (1 Peter 5:5). Work in them so they don't lie. Cause them to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Don't let them ever shed innocent blood. Keep them from having a heart that thinks up wicked plans. Don't let them go about causing harm and hardship to others. Keep them from being a false witness who lies about others. Don't let

them cause strife between other people. Work through me, their parents and others to keep them from doing any of these things. 16-19

Cause my grandchildren to obey their mother and father. Don't let them ever turn away from the truths they were taught as children. 20-21

Prompt our children to think about Your word night and day. Build Your Word so permanently into their lives that it guides their decisions throughout their whole lives. 22-23

Father, in these verses You speak again about the tremendous dangers involved in sexual immorality. Father, You know that our whole country is immoral and that the temptations facing my grandchildren are greater than ever before. Therefore, I ask You to work even more powerfully in their lives to keep them from giving in to sexual temptation. Make sure they accept Jesus into their hearts. Cause them to be filled with Your Holy Spirit. Give them godly friends and place them in an alive, caring church body. Be always more real and desirable to them than the temptations they face. 24-25

 If you look at Isaiah 59:21, you will see a promise the Lord makes to us, His people. He promises to keep His Spirit upon us and His words in our mouths and the mouths of our children and grandchildren. I (Tom) have been praying this verse like this: "Lord make sure my three boys have at least as much of a walk in the Spirit as I do and as much of Your Word built into their lives as I do. Do the same for the girls they will marry and then do it in their children." 

Chapter 7

Precious Lord, cause my grandchildren to retain and obey Your Word. Make them see that Your commandments lead to real life. Make sure they treasure Your Word. Cause our children to keep their relationship with You as the most important thing in their lives. 2-3

Give my grandchildren the wisdom to always refuse to get involved in relationships with immoral people. 4-5

Don't let my grandchildren ever commit adultery no matter how appealing the relationship appears to be. Cause them to understand that adultery always leads to serious trouble. 6-27

Chapter 8

Lord, You are wisdom and all true understanding comes from You. Cause my grandchildren to respond when You call and make sure they listen when You speak to them. 1

Lord, You speak only the truth and You hate wickedness. Give my grandchildren Your love for the truth and Your hatred of wickedness. 7

Lord, all Your words are righteousness and there is nothing twisted or perverse in them. Put Your words in the mouths of my grandchildren. Speak clearly to them and lead them to know and obey Your word. 8-8

Cause my grandchildren to be more excited about knowing You and hearing Your instructions than they are in money or possessions. Cause them to know that having You and Your wisdom is far more valuable than any treasure on earth. 10-11

Cause my grandchildren to search Your Word to know You and Your wisdom. 12

Lord, You say that real fear of You is to hate evil, pride, love of self, evil ways and a wicked mouth. Cause all my grandchildren to very carefully avoid these things that You hate. Make them distasteful and repulsive to them. 13

Cause them to walk in Your counsel, Your wisdom, Your understanding and Your strength. 14

Cause my grandchildren to reign in life as You live Your wise life through them. 15-16

Lord Jesus, cause my grandchildren to find You as Lord and Savior early in their lives and to walk with You all their lives. Cause them to lay up lasting treasures in heaven by faithfully serving You. Prompt our kids to start a regular time of Bible study and prayer and to keep it up all their lives. 17-18

Cause my grandchildren to be filled with the fruit of the Spirit that is better than the finest gold and silver. 19

Father, lead my grandchildren in the way of righteousness and down Your paths of sound judgment. Work powerfully in their hearts so they really love You. Make sure they inherit kingdom riches and lay up lots of treasure in heaven. 20-21

Cause my grandchildren to see the tremendous wisdom displayed by all Your creation. 23-30

Cause my grandchildren to know how much You love and delight in them. 31

Make sure my grandchildren listen to You and enjoy the blessings that come to those who walk in Your ways. Make sure they hear Your instructions and grow in wisdom. So work in their hearts that they do not refuse Your instruction. 32-33

Father, see to it that my grandchildren read Your Word and spend time talking to and listening to You in prayer everyday. 34

Lord, do everything necessary to ensure my grandchildren walk in an intimate love relationship with You. Cause them to experience Your favor all the days of their lives. 35

Don't let my grandchildren be those who refuse Your free gift of eternal life. Make sure they know that refusing Your gift of salvation is the dumbest move anyone can ever make and that it leads to eternal separation from You. 36

Chapter 9

Lord Jesus, work in my grandchildren to replace the foolishness of youth with Your wisdom and understanding. 4-6



Cause our grandchildren to know that rebuking a scornful person brings only shame and hatred back upon us. Make sure they save their rebukes and corrections for those wise enough to receive them. Work in my grandchildren so they grow continually wiser as they learn from others. 7-9

Cause my grandchildren to have the fear of the Lord that is the beginning of wisdom. Fill them with the knowledge of the holy that brings true understanding. 10

Fill my grandchildren with wisdom so their days are not wasted but are full and meaningful in Your sight. 11

Make sure my grandchildren choose Your way of wisdom and receive all the blessings You bring. Work in them so they do not become scornful people who are eventually held in contempt and rejected by those around them. 12

Cause my grandchildren to know that stolen property or pleasures may be enjoyable for a moment, but they soon bring sorrow and grief. 16-18

 It's not too soon to start praying for future mates for your grandchildren 

Chapter 10

Cause my grandchildren to be wise kids who make their father glad. Keep them from becoming foolish children who bring much sorrow to their mother. 1

Cause my grandchildren to know that treasure gained in wicked ways causes only loss, not profit. Make them understand that righteousness brings life and delivers them from death. Lord, cause them to walk in the ways of righteousness as You live Your righteous life through them. 2

See to it that my grandchildren listen to and obey You so they never experience a famine for Your Word and so You can always meet their needs. Don't let them join the wicked who face Your continual resistance. 3

Keep our children from working in a careless, sloppy way. Teach them to be diligent workers so they always have an abundance. Prompt our children to take advantage of opportunities You give. Don't let them be people who procrastinate and never get their work done. 4-5

Cause my grandchildren to experience the blessings that come to the just. Keep them from having to experience the violence that comes to the wicked. 6

So work in my grandchildren that they are remembered as godly, righteous people. Don't let them do things to earn a bad reputation. 7

Cause my grandchildren to be quick to listen to and receive Your commands and instructions. Don't let them be those who fail because they talk all the time and never listen to anyone else. 8

Work in my grandchildren so they walk in honesty and purity. Keep them from being confused or deceived. Identify areas of sin in their lives and cause them to be set free before it causes grief and sorrow. 9-10

Lord, speak through my grandchildren Your words of life to those around them. Don't let them get away with speaking wicked things. 11

Don't let them stir up fights, but cause them to cover sin with love. 12



Even in their youth, cause my grandchildren to speak wisely. Make sure they receive proper discipline in areas where they are making foolish choices. Cause them to store up wisdom. Keep them from getting into trouble with their mouths. 13-14

Steer them into the life work You have designed them for. Keep them from any questionable occupations. 16

Make sure they quickly learn to follow instructions. Don't let them have any areas where they are unteachable. 17

Make sure they know when to talk and when to keep their mouth shut. Cause their words to be like choice silver to those who hear them. Use them to teach many others Your ways. 19-21

Fill their lives with the blessings of the Lord that make them truly rich. Lead our children in ways that You can bless. Keep the abundance You give from ever bringing them sorrow. 22

 In the summer of 1986 we were making vacation plans. We thought we wanted to drive up to Glacier National Park. As we prayed about our ideas, the Lord seemed to be saying that He had a better plan. The impression came that a trip to Glacier would be OK but if we would ask and listen, the Lord would show us His plan and it would be full of His blessings. Proverbs 10:22 seemed to sum up what the Lord wanted to do. We ended up going to a Christian camp in Oregon. During the drive we began to sing, "It is the blessing of the Lord that makes us rich, rich, rich and He adds no sorrow to it." The camp had many home-made slides, swings and rides that the kids loved. The boys had their own classes and nature walks while Marcia and I were in classes of our own. As a result, we grew spiritually while having a very enjoyable vacation. During one of the group sessions, each family had to sing, tell an experience or perform in some way. We told the story of how we ended up at the camp and sang Proverbs 10:22 to them. The Lord performed His word and made us rich spiritually and gave us a vacation with no sorrow. 

Keep them from being wicked people who are overcome by the things they fear. Instead, fill them with Your desires and then fulfill all the desires You have given them. 24

Even though the wicked are consumed around them, cause my grandchildren to walk righteously and securely with You. 25

Don't let my grandchildren be lazy sluggards that are a pain to everyone they encounter. 26

Give them that reverential fear of You that will prolong their days. Fill their lives with hope and gladness as they walk through life with You. 27-28

Constantly pour Your strength into them and keep them from the ways of iniquity that lead to ruin. Keep them from ever being shaken even though You are dealing with the wicked people around them. 29-30

Cause my grandchildren to be able to carry on a pleasant conversation. Keep them from being people who contradict everything they hear. 32

Chapter 11

So work in the hearts of our grandchildren that they are just and honest in all their dealings with others. Don't let them ever be involved with a business that cheats people.1

Keep my grandchildren from being prideful people that You bring to shame. Build humility into their lives and give them Your wisdom. 2

See to it that my grandchildren are guided by integrity and known for their integrity. Keep them from the destruction that comes to the crooked. 3

Cause them to trust You and Your righteous ways that never fail instead of riches and the schemes of men. 4-5

Lord, cause them to walk in Your ways so You can deliver them when trouble comes. Don't let them be hypocrites who deceive people and cause them trouble. Cause them to know what steps to take in times of crisis. 8-9

Father, look across our country and exalt the righteous and pull down the wicked. Cause my grandchildren to be a blessing to the city in which they live. Silence the voice of the wicked in their city. 10-11

Don't let my grandchildren despise their neighbors. Keep them from spreading gossip. Cause them to go to the source and find out the truth before they pass on any information. 12-13

Give my grandchildren several wise counselors and cause them to listen and learn from their wise advice.

Don't let my grandchildren ever cosign for anything or do anything that makes them responsible for the debts of others. 15

Cause our daughters to be gracious and our sons to be strong. Prompt our children to be merciful like You are. 16-17

Don't let my grandchildren do deceitful or wicked works. Cause them to sow righteousness in the lives of those around them. As they do this, cause them to receive Your sure rewards. 18

Give my grandchildren the same hatred of wickedness You have. Cause them to delight You as they walk in Your upright ways. Make them know how delighted You are when they walk in Your ways. 19-20

No matter how many wicked people are joined together against my grandchildren, cause them to be delivered by Your power. 21

Don't let them throw away all the blessings and advantages You have given them by turning away from You and Your good ways. 22

Build in them the desire and ability to do good for others. Make sure they freely give of those abilities and talents You have given them. Don't let them hide or hold back what You have given them to share. As they freely give, pour out Your blessings upon my grandchildren. 24-26

Cause my grandchildren to diligently seek to please You and those You have placed as spiritual authorities over them. Send good and favor to them and protect them from evil. 27

Don't let my grandchildren ever trust in riches because that always leads to failure. Cause them to trust in You and Your righteousness and make them blossom like a branch. 28

Keep my grandchildren from doing things that bring trouble to their own homes. Cause them to help those around them come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. 29-30

Cause them to receive the rewards and blessings You have for the righteous. 31

Chapter 12

Give my grandchildren a love for knowledge and don't let them hate correction. Give them lots of Your grace. 1-2

Cause their lives to be unshakably built on righteousness. 3

Cause my granddaughters to be women of virtue who are a wonderful treasure to their husbands. Cause their husbands to realize what a blessing their wives are and to treasure them 4

Fill my grandchildren with righteous thoughts. Don't let them listen to the deceitful counsel of the wicked. 5

Cause my grandchildren to build their lives and their homes on Jesus the solid rock. Make sure they and their house are still standing when the wicked are overthrown. 7

Make sure my grandchildren take good care of their pets or any animal placed in their care. 10

Cause my grandchildren to work faithfully in the jobs You give them. Don't let them follow after some get-rich-quick scheme. 11

So work in the lives of our grandchildren that they always choose their words carefully and never get snared by foolish words. Cause the things they say to bring a harvest of good and rewards from those around them. 13-14

Work in my grandchildren so they are not fools who think they are always right. Cause them to discuss their ideas with wise counselors. 15

Father, cause them to have the good sense to control their anger. Teach them to always speak the truth. Give them soft words that turn away anger and bring healing to others. Cause them to be established even as You cut off lying tongues around them. 16-19

Don't let their minds be filled with thoughts of evil. Fill their lives with wisdom, peace and joy. 20

Cause my grandchildren to live lives pleasing to You and keep evil away from their lives. Give them Your hatred for lying lips. Cause them to delight You by speaking the truth. 21-22

Make sure my grandchildren know when to keep quiet and when to speak. Cause them to be good workers who are moved into leadership positions when they are ready. 23-24

When their hearts are heavy, send my grandchildren words of encouragement that make them glad. Use them to encourage others. 25

Cause my grandchildren to walk in Your excellent ways. 26

Cause my grandchildren to follow through in the tasks they do. Don't let their efforts be wasted because they quit before the task is complete. 27

Cause my grandchildren to walk in the way of righteousness that is life and in which there is no death. 28

Chapter 13

Show my grandchildren the wisdom of listening to their parents. 1

Lord, work in my grandchildren so they excel in their ability to communicate with others. Cause their words to bring them much good. 2

Cause my grandchildren to always be very careful what they say. Motivate them to be diligent in all they do. Give my grandchildren Your hatred for lying. 3-5

Teach my grandchildren that they can be rich in the world's eyes and have nothing. Also, show them they can be considered poor by the world and yet have the great riches of good health, friends, wisdom and most of all, eternal life. 7

Cause Your life to shine forth in my grandchildren and don't let their witness for You ever be stopped. 9

Keep my grandchildren from pride and presumption that leads to argument and strife. Make sure they listen to and heed the wise advice You give them through others. 10

Show my grandchildren that wealth or position obtained by fraud or deception will not be blessed and will soon be gone. Teach them that You will bless honest work and truthfulness and cause them to prosper. 11

Keep my grandchildren from having their hopes dashed over and over again. Work in them so they are hoping for the things that You are planning to do in their lives. 12

Keep my grandchildren from despising or ignoring Your word. Cause them to honor and cherish Your word and be blessed. Give them good understanding and favor with everyone with whom they relate. 13,15

Cause my grandchildren to be trustworthy messengers and faithful representatives of those they work for. 17

Cause my grandchildren to see that refusing to listen to instruction leads to poverty and shame. 18

Put Your desires in the hearts of my grandchildren and fulfill them. 19

Give my grandchildren wise, godly friends. Keep them from ever having a close friendship with foolish people. 20

Work through me to leave an inheritance of prayer and righteousness for my grandchildren. Transfer wealth laid up by the wicked into the hands of my grandchildren for use in Your kingdom. 22

Don't let my grandchildren waste or miss the opportunities You bring their way. Make sure they make wise decisions about how they spend their time, energy and money. 23

Ensure that they receive appropriate discipline whenever they need it. 24

Chapter 14

Cause my granddaughters and granddaughters-in-law to be wise women who hold their homes together. Don't let them be foolish women who tear their homes apart. Likewise cause my grandsons and grandsons-in-law to be godly men who build up their wives and children. 1

Show my believing grandchildren that their actions reflect directly on You. 2

Cause my grandchildren to achieve a wise balance between the risks they take and the gains they hope to achieve. Make them see that hard work and endurance are required to achieve worthwhile goals. 4

Work in my grandchildren so they always faithfully speak the truth. As they walk with You, cause truth and understanding to consistently come their way. 5-6

Cause my grandchildren to stay away from foolish people. 7

Make my grandchildren understand the tremendous consequences of every sin. Keep my grandchildren from doing things that seem right to the world but that You know lead to death. 9,12

Don't let my grandchildren be caught up in seeking their own selfish ways. Cause them to find great satisfaction in obeying You. 14

Don't let my grandchildren believe everything they hear, read or see. Cause them to check things out carefully and pray about every decision. 15

Cause my grandchildren to wisely respond to correction instead of foolishly demanding their own way. 16

So work in my grandchildren that they are very slow to get angry. 17

Cause my grandchildren to respect those around them and to show mercy to the poor. Fill their minds with good things they can do for others. 21-22

Teach my grandchildren to be more action than talk. Cause my grandchildren to be true and faithful witnesses to You, Jesus. 23,25


As they grow up, make my grandchildren see that fearing You and obeying You not only protects them but one day will bring tremendous protection for their children. 26

Ensure my grandchildren respect You and put their confidence in You. Be their refuge and their life. 27

Don't let my grandchildren get angry quickly or make hasty snap decisions that bring trouble. 29

Cause my grandchildren to trust in You so You can give them a new heart. Don't let them envy others for any reason. Don't let my grandchildren ever knowingly or unknowingly oppress the poor. Cause them to honor and show mercy to the poor. 30,31

Keep my grandchildren from being surrounded by foolish people. Cause the righteousness of my nation to increase because of my grandchildren. 33-34

 One of my (Tom) greatest encouragements to keep faithfully praying is the knowledge that my prayers please my Father. Proverbs 15:8 tells us that, "the prayer of the upright is His delight." He took the initiative to make us upright when Jesus paid for all our sins and gave us His righteousness. We further know from Revelation 5:8 that our prayers will one day become incense that is used during worship in heaven. Even beyond the day-to-day blessing and provision that comes in response to prayer, we get the

privilege of delighting our Father and laying up fragrance for heaven that will last throughout eternity. 📖

Chapter 15

Teach my grandchildren to give soft answers that stop arguments and defuse anger. 1

Show my grandchildren how and when to use information they have. Don't let them pour out all they know to those who will misuse their knowledge or use it against my grandchildren. 2

Cause my grandchildren to know that You are very much aware of everything they do, say or think. Fill my grandchildren with wholesome words. Take unwholesome words out of their vocabulary. 3-4

Convince my grandchildren that it is foolish to ignore their parent's instruction. Cause them to respond properly when they are corrected. 5

Cause my grandchildren to delight You with prayers from an upright heart. Make them know that You gave them an upright heart when they trusted in Jesus. 8

Keep them from the way of the wicked that You hate. Cause them to follow closely after You. If my grandchildren have given their lives to You, convince them that You will correct them as strongly as necessary if they choose sinful paths. 9-10


Work through my grandchildren to convince the world that hell and destruction are real and that everyone will face You as judge. Cause my grandchildren to seek and find wisdom and truth. 11-14

Give my grandchildren a merry heart that has a feast of joy every day. 15


Convince my grandchildren that a poor person who is in fellowship with You is far better off than the lost rich person who will never know real love or peace. 16-17

Don't let my grandchildren be those who stir up trouble. Cause peace and calmness to be on their lives. 18

Convince my grandchildren that lazy people have many problems. Make Your path clear before my grandchildren. 19

 Our friend, Susie, shares:

As a brand new Christian, I heard a Bible study on the various parts of prayer. That night I decided to follow the model (I was not in the habit of praying). Remembering how the teacher stressed thanksgiving, I decided to begin there, but nothing came to mind. As I thought and searched for something in my messed up life to thank God for, it occurred to me that I had never thanked God for my 3 1/2 year old son. He had Down's syndrome and, although I put on a very convincing act, deep down I struggled with the grief and fear of raising a retarded child. The only prayers I remembered offering in relation to Smith were of the "God, please don't do this to me" and "Help me, I can't do this" variety. This would be my first thank You. It was a weak: "Lord, he's a sweet little thing." The most amazing transformation began, however, as God responded to my faint little half-hearted prayer. I began to marvel at Smith's every achievement and rushed back to God daily with more thanks. The more I thanked God for Smith, the more He opened my eyes to this wonderful little kid. The more I saw, the more I thanked. God changed me! Smith truly was my joy. It wasn't an act!

Smith still holds a permanent place on my endless list of reasons to thank God. I continually thank God for choosing me to be Smith's mom! God is so good!" 

Cause my grandchildren to be wise and bring gladness to their father. Don't let them grow up to be foolish men who despise their mother. 20

Keep my grandchildren from trying to find joy and happiness in sin. 21

Cause my grandchildren to check out their plans with wise counselors. Most of all, teach them to always check with You. 22

Work in the hearts and minds of my grandchildren so they are able to give a wise answer at the right time. 23

Teach my grandchildren how deadly pride is because You resist the proud. 25

Convince my grandchildren that You hate wicked thoughts just as much as wicked actions. 26

Cause my grandchildren to know that get-rich-quick schemes always bring trouble. Make them always recognize a scam and avoid it. 27

Lord, ensure that my grandchildren think carefully before they speak. 28

Convince them that no one is wise who doesn't listen to and obey You. 31-32

Build in my grandchildren the reverence and humility that allows You to give them wisdom and honor. 33

Chapter 16

Cause my grandchildren to gather all the facts and then allow You to show them the right decision to make. 1


Show my grandchildren how easy it is to fool ourselves and to rationalize what we are doing. Teach them to allow You to direct them in every decision and to interrupt their plans whenever You need to. 2-3

Cause my grandchildren to know that they have been bought with a price through the death of Jesus on the cross and that they belong to You. 4

Convince my grandchildren that pride is not just a little bad but that You absolutely and totally hate it and will always punish it. 5

Extend mercy to my grandchildren and reveal truth to them. Build in them such a fear of and a reverence for You that they turn from every form of evil. 6

Make sure my grandchildren's ways please You so You can make their enemies be at peace with them. 7

 This verse may be short but it is extremely important. If we are careful to walk in God's ways, He promises to take action against our enemies. So, when enemies appear, our first response should be to ask the Lord to examine our lives to identify any place where we are not pleasing Him. Then we ask Him to do His part and take care of our enemies. Share this with your grandchildren when they are old enough to understand it.



Convince my grandchildren that a saved poor man is far better off than someone who is rich, famous and lost. 8

Cause my grandchildren to plan their way but to always trust You to guide them. 9

Teach my grandchildren the importance of always being fair and honest. Teach my grandchildren how to live in peace with the authorities You have placed over them. 11-14

Cause them to chose wisdom and understanding over material things. 16

Turn my grandchildren from pride that leads to destruction and the haughty spirit that leads to a fall. 18

Cause my grandchildren to choose to associate with the humble and lowly rather than the proud and arrogant. 19

Cause my grandchildren to find the true happiness that comes to those who trust in and walk with You, Lord Jesus. 20

See to it that my grandchildren are careful and loving in their speech. Work in them so they guard their words carefully. Cause their words to be sweet like honeycomb and pleasant to those who hear them. 21-24

Keep my grandchildren off the ways that seem right but lead to death. 25

Keep my grandchildren from digging up evil and spreading gossip. 27-28

Cause my grandchildren to be slow to get angry and quick to get over anger. Keep their emotions under control. Cause them to know that You have the final word in every decision. 32-33

Chapter 17

Cause my grandchildren to see that a poor person who has a peaceful and tranquil life is better off than a rich person whose life is filled with anger and strife. 1

Test the hearts and minds of my grandchildren. Cleanse them of everything that is not of You. 3

Keep my grandchildren from ridiculing those who are poor. Don't let them rejoice over or take advantage of those who are experiencing calamities such as illness, divorce, bankruptcy or some natural disaster. 5

Teach my grandchildren how and when to cover up mistakes their friends have made. Keep them from gossiping about things told them in confidence. 9

Cause my grandchildren to be wise enough to welcome and quickly respond to Your corrections. 10

Make it plain to my grandchildren that rebellion brings stronger and stronger consequences from You. 11

Teach my grandchildren that foolish people are dangerous to be around. 12

Keep my grandchildren from ever returning evil for good. Prompt my grandchildren to break off an argument early before it gets out of control. 13-14

Don't let my grandchildren ever justify the wicked or condemn the just. 15

Cause my grandchildren to be constantly expressing Your love. Keep them ready to support their siblings and friends when trouble comes. 17

Convince my grandchildren that only a person without understanding would guarantee a loan for someone else. 18

Don't let my grandchildren be people who are always fighting and arguing with others. Also, do not let them be hermits who try to avoid everyone. Cause them to live in peace with those around them and to have many godly friends. 19

Don't let my grandchildren get themselves in trouble with their mouths. 20

Give my grandchildren merry hearts that are good medicine to those around them. Keep them from ever having a broken spirit. 22

Don't let my grandchildren get involved in things that bring grief to You or their parents. 25

Cause my grandchildren to be slow to speak and quick to listen. 27-28

Chapter 18

Don't let my grandchildren be those who live off in their own separate, selfish world. 1

Cause the speech of my grandchildren to be wise like a deep river and also joyful like a flowing brook. 4

Don't let my grandchildren be those who defend the wicked or fight against the righteous. 5

Prevent my grandchildren from starting or jumping into arguments. Show them how important it is to guard their words. Don't let their mouths get them into trouble. 6-7

Protect my grandchildren from listening to the details of sin or evil. Don't let my grandchildren be lazy bums who waste their lives. Cause my grandchildren to know You intimately and to run to You for protection. 8-10

Write it very clearly in the minds and hearts of my grandchildren that pride leads to ruin and humility leads to honor. 12

Teach my grandchildren that it is foolish to answer before they hear the question. 13

Cause the gifts You have given my grandchildren to bring them into responsible positions. 16

Keep my grandchildren from believing one side of a story until they have heard both sides. 17

Teach my grandchildren easy and gentle ways of settling arguments. 18

Teach my grandchildren how to avoid offending those around them. If an offense does occur, show them how to make it right. 19

Provide good examples and all the training necessary to ensure my grandchildren can communicate clearly and wisely since this has such an influence on their future well-being. 20-21

Direct my grandchildren to godly mates. Give them marriages You can bless and honor. Cause my grandchildren to be good friends to those around them. Jesus, be their best friend. 22-24

Chapter 19

Convince my grandchildren that You would rather they be an honest poor person than a wealthy liar. Keep my grandchildren from hasty decisions that lead to sin. Set my grandchildren free from the foolish ways of the world. 1-3

Show my grandchildren that You always punish those who lie. 5,9

Convince my grandchildren that seeing things the way You see them and understanding Your ways are extremely important. Teach my grandchildren to keep their anger under control. Don't let them go around pointing out everyone else's sin. 8,11

Cause my grandchildren to have favor with those in authority over them all of their lives. 12

Give my grandsons godly wives and my granddaughters godly husbands. Make my grandchildren into the godly mates You want them to be. 13-14


Keep my grandchildren from being idle or lazy. Cause my grandchildren to know and keep Your word. 15-16

Teach my grandchildren that when they lend to the poor they are lending to You. Cause them to recognize it when You repay them. 17

Cause their parents to discipline and disciple my grandchildren properly before it is too late. Keep me from interfering when You are disciplining them. Cause my grandchildren to receive counsel and instruction. Make them very wise. 18-20

Make sure my grandchildren line up their lives with Your plans. Release Your kindness through the lives of my grandchildren. Give my grandchildren the reverence for You that allows You to keep evil away. 21-23

Don't let my grandchildren listen to those who would lead them away from You. 27

 A friend shares: This is probably not a big deal compared to many other stories. But last

week, as we were struggling with our son, trying to get him to focus on his schoolwork, be nice, try cooperating, etc., I asked my mother to please pray for her grandson. He just has been on a downward trek for several weeks, and seemed pretty depressed. We couldn't get him to do a thing we asked - not even to eat with us. The VERY NEXT DAY, our son decided, on his own, that getting up earlier than usual would give him more time to do his studies.

Then he got out in the sunshine on his roller blades and got some exercise, and when I came home he felt so good about himself, that he decided to follow that plan for the rest of the week! He was cooperative, in a happy mood, easy to live with, pleased with everything we were doing -- it was like night and day! We honored him, plenty, for his change in attitude, and it has carried over nicely, this week, too. I'm getting ready to call Mother to thank her and ask her to CONTINUE!



Chapter 20

Keep my grandchildren totally away from alcohol and drugs so those addictions can never get footholds in their lives. 1

Teach my grandchildren to mind their own business and to avoid arguments and fights. Motivate my grandchildren to endure necessary hardships in order to accomplish the goals You set for them. 3-4

Show my grandchildren how to draw wise counsel out of others and how to locate sources of help. 5

Keep my grandchildren from bragging about the great things they have done or plan to do. Instead, cause them to let You live Your life through them. Lead my grandchildren in a life of integrity that is a blessing to their descendants. 6-7

Keep my grandchildren from foolishly thinking they can earn their own righteousness. Don't let my grandchildren be comfortable with any form of dishonesty in their lives or businesses. Cause my grandchildren to be known in their youth by the purity of their words and deeds. 9-11

Keep my grandchildren from being lazy sleepyheads. Ensure that my grandchildren know that every advantage gained by deceit will sooner or later bring Your judgment. 13,17

Teach my grandchildren how to get good counsel and advice from godly believers before they make big decisions. 18

Don't let my grandchildren be talebearers or flatterers. Convince my grandchildren of the tremendous danger of cursing or dishonoring their parents. Protect my grandchildren from too much money or privileges before they are able to handle them. 19-21

Keep my grandchildren from trying to get even when wronged. Cause them to forgive and leave the other person in Your hands. Remind my grandchildren again and again how much You hate dishonesty in business. 22-23

Ensure that my grandchildren know that You have the plan for their lives and that their job is to stay in a close intimate relationship with You. Make them know they will never figure out the best plan without You. Cause my grandchildren to allow Your Holy Spirit to search and evaluate every part of their lives. 24,27

Chapter 21

Make sure that my grandchildren know that You can change the mind of authorities over them whenever You need. 1

Convict my grandchildren when they are doing right things but with wrong motives. Convince my grandchildren that being in fellowship with You and obeying You is much more important than doing a few things to try to appease You. 2-3

Cause my grandchildren to know that if they are haughty and proud, everything they do is sinful in Your eyes. 4

Show my grandchildren that day-by-day obedience is much more effective than a crash effort at the last moment. Teach my grandchildren that getting ahead by lying quickly leads to loss. 5-6

Keep my grandchildren from thinking up their own ideas of things to do for Your kingdom. Cause them to only tackle those kingdom tasks that You assign them. 8

Remind my grandchildren of the painful consequences of marrying the wrong person. Cause them to wait, pray for and recognize the right one. Don't let them ever get stuck with a quarrelsome person. 9,19

Cause my grandchildren to respond to needs that You show them so You can answer their prayers when they need help. 13

Teach my grandchildren that love of material things will lead to poverty. Convince my grandchildren that following You leads to real life. 17,21

Show them that controlling the tongue is a key to keeping out of trouble. Teach my grandchildren to be givers. Keep them from only living "to get" and from always wanting what someone else has. 23,26

Prompt my grandchildren when they are to share things You are telling them, otherwise, cause them to keep Your secrets. 28

Make my grandchildren aware they will never outsmart You or hide anything from Your sight. 30

Cause my grandchildren to be prepared for whatever they face and make sure they are always covered by Your safety and protection. 31

Chapter 22

Develop for my grandchildren a good reputation and give them Your favor and the favor of others since these are much more important than riches. 1

Cause my grandchildren to treat the rich and poor alike. Ensure that my grandchildren recognize danger and avoid it. Build in my grandchildren the desire to walk humbly and reverently with You. 2-4

Show me what You want for my grandchildren and cause me to cooperate with You in training them in the way they should go. 6

Cause my grandchildren to be those who save and invest wisely. Don't let them live their lives in debt to others. 7

Lord, make my grandchildren understand that they will reap on earth the consequences of their sins. 8

Teach my grandchildren to be generous in sharing with the needy. 9

Build in my grandchildren graceful speech. Create in them a pure heart. Ensure that their speech and purity bring them many doors of opportunity. 11



Correct my grandchildren appropriately through their parents so foolishness is driven from their lives. Keep my grandchildren from ever oppressing the poor. Don't let them try to bribe the rich. 15-16

Cause my grandchildren to take every opportunity to learn from those You have made wise. Lord, ensure that my grandchildren deeply trust in You. 17-19

Don't let my grandchildren ever cheat the poor or afflicted. Make them realize they will be in trouble with You if they do. 22-23

Keep them from developing friendships with angry, furious people. Prevent my grandchildren from becoming responsible for the debts of others. 24-26

Cause my grandchildren to be diligent in everything they do. See to it that key people see and reward their diligence. 29

 Your diligent praying allows the Lord to release diligence in your grandchildren. 

Chapter 23

Keep my grandchildren from being greatly impressed by the affluence of the rich. Don't let bribes of any kind influence their decisions. Cause my grandchildren to work heartily for You. Keep them from the vain pursuit of happiness through accumulation of material possessions. 1-5

Don't let my grandchildren spend much time trying to talk to those who won't listen. Instead, teach them to concentrate on those who will learn. 9

Keep my grandchildren from ever cheating anyone, especially orphans and widows, so they won't get in trouble with You. 10-11

Lord, ensure my grandchildren are disciplined appropriately. 13-14

Don't let my grandchildren envy sinners. Instead, cause them to have a deep love and respect for You. Keep the minds of my grandchildren set on the things You have waiting on them. 17-18

Convince my grandchildren to avoid drunks, drug users and gluttons. Don't let my grandchildren ever think they are too smart to listen to their parents. 20-22

Cause my grandchildren to bring great joy to You and to me. Lord, ensure my grandchildren see and know Your ways. 24-26

Don't let my grandchildren be deceived by the attractive advertisements for alcohol or the addictive highs of drugs. 29-35

Chapter 24

Don't let my grandchildren make heroes of wicked people or desire to be like them. 1-2

Build in my grandchildren wisdom and knowledge and make them strong in You and powerful in Your kingdom. 5

Make sure my grandchildren always have wise counselors around them and that they listen to them. 6

Convince them You are keeping track of everything they do or say. 8-12

Work in my grandchildren so they don't ever quit or give up on a task You assign them. Give them the grace to see it through to completion. 16

Keep my grandchildren from rejoicing when their enemies fall or get into trouble. 17


Don't let them be discouraged because the wicked seem to prosper. Cause them to watch and see that the wicked get in trouble soon enough. 19-20

Give my grandchildren a deep respect for You and the authorities You have placed over them. Don't let them join those who are rebels. 21-22

Keep my grandchildren from ever praising the wicked. Instead, cause them to speak out against evil so You can send Your good blessings to them. 24-25

Ensure that my grandchildren learn to do first things first. Don't let my grandchildren fabricate stories to get others in trouble. 27-28

Show my grandchildren how quickly idle people lose everything they own. 29-35

 There seems to be a general trend in my (Tom) life that whenever I invite someone to a class that I am teaching and try to tell them how good it is, they never come. Yet others can give the same invitation and people often respond. I think this is Proverbs 27:2 in action. We are instructed to "Let another praise you, and not your own mouth." We are very skeptical when someone praises themselves no matter how humbly they try to do it. When someone we trust praises someone else, we usually respond positively to the person or activity praised. "Lord, give us friends who are generous with their praise."



Chapter 25

Teach my grandchildren not to grab for the best place but, wait for those in charge to elevate them when appropriate. 6-7

Prompt my grandchildren to be sure of the facts before they accuse someone. 8

Keep my grandchildren from griping about a problem to everyone. Instead, send them directly to the source of the problem so it can be resolved. Give my grandchildren words from You to fit situations You place them in. 9-11

Convince my grandchildren not to brag on themselves. Teach my grandchildren to be patient and calm in presenting their case. 14-15

Keep my grandchildren from grabbing for too much of a good thing. Don't let my grandchildren overstay their welcome at someone else's house. 16-17

Teach my grandchildren not to put confidence in untrustworthy people. Teach them how to do good to their enemies. 19,21

Lord, cause my grandchildren to hear and spread Your good news. Develop self control in my grandchildren. 25,28

Chapter 26

Lord, You have taken on Yourself every curse my grandchildren deserve, so keep any curse from ever coming on them. 2

Don't let my grandchildren be goaded into saying foolish things. Teach my grandchildren to never depend on a foolish person. 4,6

Don't let my grandchildren ever think they know it all since there is little hope for such a person. 12

Cause my grandchildren to understand how foolish it is to get involved in a quarrel that is none of their business. 17

Keep my grandchildren from insulting or hurting others and then saying, "I was only joking." Teach my grandchildren not to stir up arguments. 19-20

Keep my grandchildren from believing gossip or being deceived by wicked, lying people. 22-26

Show my grandchildren that harm planned against others always comes back against the planner. Show my grandchildren examples of people who were ruined by their own lying lips and flattering tongues. 27-28


Chapter 27


Keep my grandchildren from bragging about the great things they are going to do or be since they don't even know what tomorrow will bring. 1

Teach my grandchildren never to praise themselves. Cause them to wait for You to praise them through others. 2

Cause my grandchildren to choose friends who will tell them the truth about themselves. See that they recognize and avoid flatterers. 5-6

Teach my grandchildren to be faithful to their friends and their parent's friends. Show them that a friend nearby is better than a brother who is far away. 10

 Proverbs 27:10 tells us not to forsake our own friend or our father's friend. My dad was one of the best cabinetmakers in Kentucky. He built and refinished furniture for many people in Bourbon County. I was his reluctant helper for most of my growing up years. I (Tom) decided there was more to life than varnish remover, sandpaper and shellac so I enrolled in the College of Engineering at the University of Kentucky. Since my part time job would barely pay commuting and textbook expenses, I applied to a local college scholarship fund for tuition assistance. Three recommendations were required and the obvious place to turn was my father's friends. I took my three recommendations and presented them to the three distinguished men on the panel that presided over the disbursements from the Garth Fund. They passed the recommendations around and then one said, "Have you read Mrs. Ardery's words?" He passed me her letter and I read it for the first time. She wrote things like, "If our great benefactor, Thomas Garth, who walked to Georgetown and back every day while teaching school in order to save and make possible this fund, was living today, I am confident he would want to help such a boy as Thomas Bishop." I was really impressed and somewhat embarrassed by the gracious words she wrote. The panel was obviously impressed also as they awarded me a higher amount than my peers.

We can truly leave our grandchildren a heritage of godly Christian friends. We need to impress on our kids that they can greatly benefit from the prayers, advice and support of our friends. They can also quickly squander this inheritance through selfish, godless conduct if they so choose. 

Cause my grandchildren to heed Your warnings of danger. 12



Cause my grandchildren to know the right time and place for everything. 14

Lord, ensure my grandchildren have friends that You can use to shape them like iron sharpens iron. 17

Teach my grandchildren to pray for and bless those in authority over them. 18

Give my grandchildren Your contentment and the patience to wait for You to provide what they need. 20

Cause my grandchildren to know that when people praise them, they are being tested to see if they will become proud. Make them realize that any praise they receive actually belongs to You. 21

 Proverbs 27:21 tells us we are tested every time someone praises us. Our Father looks at our heart to see if we take credit for what He has done through us. How have your test scores been lately? 

Prompt my grandchildren to watch carefully the things for which they are responsible. Teach them to take good care of their possessions. 23-24

Chapter 28

Cause my grandchildren to be righteous and stand their ground. 1

Don't let my grandchildren ever praise the wicked. Instead, cause them to oppose those who do wrong. 4

Teach my grandchildren to know You so You can give them understanding. Show my grandchildren that true wisdom is to know You, the only true God. 5,7

Convince them that things gained unfairly are soon given to someone else. Cause my grandchildren to know that they can't ignore You and still expect to get a yes answer to their prayers. 8-9

Don't let my grandchildren ever lead anyone astray. Make them know that You delight to bless the upright. 10

Make my grandchildren know that covering up their sins always costs but that confession brings mercy. Keep my grandchildren from ever hardening their hearts to You. 13-14

Don't let my grandchildren ever covet anything. Prompt my grandchildren to walk uprightly and save them. 16-18

Give my grandchildren an abundance as they diligently do the jobs You give. 19

Keep my grandchildren faithful to the tasks You give them. Don't let them run ahead of Your plans trying to get rich. 20

Keep my grandchildren from treating people differently based on how much money or fame they have. Cause them to be loving, fair and honest with everyone. 21

Show them that hurrying after wealth or possessions leads to poverty. 22

Teach my grandchildren how to gently tell people the truth about themselves. Don't let them lie to others just to make them feel good. 23

Keep my grandchildren from being deceived into being proud. Cause them to always trust in You. Cause my grandchildren to be generous to the poor. 22-27

Chapter 29

Teach my grandchildren that continual resistance to Your correction leads to sudden destruction. 1

Show my grandchildren the falseness of speaking or believing flattery. 5

Convince my grandchildren that evil people get caught in their own traps. 6

Don't let my grandchildren overlook the needs of the poor. 7

Teach my grandchildren to not tell everything they know. Make them know the right time to speak and ensure they say the right things. 11

Remind their parents that, if they fail to discipline my grandchildren, they will regret it. Teach us that good discipline will bring us and them joy and rest. 15-17

Tell my grandchildren what You are planning so they can cooperate with You. 18

Cause my grandchildren to know there is more hope for a fool than there is for someone who speaks without thinking. 20

Keep my grandchildren from being angry, furious people. 22

Show my grandchildren how dangerous pride is and how advantageous humility is. 23

Teach my grandchildren that teaming up with a thief guarantees trouble. 24

Don't let my grandchildren fear or put their trust in man. Cause them to fear and trust You only.
25

Chapter 30

Cause my grandchildren to treasure all of Your Word. Make them pure and shield them as they trust in You. Don't let them ever add to Your Word. 5-6

Keep my grandchildren away from vain and untruthful people. Don't let them fall into the bondage of material things or the slavery of poverty. 8-9

Use me to help raise up a generation that loves and honors parents. 11

Don't let my grandchildren think they are pure when they have unconfessed sin. 12

Keep my grandchildren from living only for themselves. Cause them to live for You and others.
14

Keep my grandchildren from being those who are never content or satisfied. 15-16

Correct my grandchildren quickly when they mock or disrespect their parents. 17

Keep my grandchildren from praising themselves. Cause them to repent quickly of evil thoughts. 32

Chapter 31

Cause my grandchildren to spend their strength and resources on those things that You give them to do. Don't let them waste their lives. 3

Cause my grandchildren to speak up for the poor and needy and those in trouble. 8-9



Cause my granddaughters and granddaughters-in-law to be like the godly, virtuous and successful woman of Proverbs 31: 9-31

Cause my grandchildren and their future spouses to be faithful to each other. 11



Cause my grandchildren and their mates to do good to each other. 12

Don't let the abilities and talents You have placed in my granddaughters and granddaughters-in-law go unused. 13-22

So work in my grandchildren that they are the perfect helpmate for the spouse You give them. Work powerfully in the lives of those who will marry my grandchildren so they are excellent helpmates to my grandchildren. 29-31

 Keep going back to those prayers that were most meaningful and keep praying them until you feel prompted by the Holy Spirit to move on. Consider getting one of our other books of prayers and praying through them for your grandchildren. There are tremendous verses to pray in Paul's letters as well as John, James, Peter and so forth. Our other books are listed below and our address is in the front of the book. Also, spend some time praying for our nation. If our nation continues its plunge into sin, life is going to be very difficult for our children and grandchildren. Thanks for letting us be a part of your prayer life. 

Prayers for the Salvation of Your Grandchildren

 These prayers may not seem appropriate if your grandchildren are very young. Pray them anyhow. The Lord has a wonderful lay-away plan and He can deliver the answer later when it is needed. 

Father, no one comes to Your Son, Jesus, unless You draw him. Please do all that is necessary to draw my grandchildren to Jesus. John 6:44

Jesus, You said if You were lifted up, and You were on the cross, that You would draw all men to You. Cause that drawing force to be focused on my grandchildren and draw them into a personal relationship with You. John 12:32

Lord, You purchased my grandchildren with Your own blood. Now the devil is illegally holding and claiming them. Use me and my prayers to force the devil to turn them loose. Cause them to personally know You. Acts 20:28

Father, in the mighty name of Jesus, I ask You to destroy every stronghold in the lives of my grandchildren that keep them from knowing You. In Jesus' name, cast down every imagination and high thing that keeps my grandchildren from the knowledge of God. Jesus, please take captive every thought that keeps my grandchildren from trusting in and obeying You. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Father, I ask You to work powerfully in the life of my grandchildren to take off the blindfolds and open their minds to the light of the glorious gospel of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:4

Father, please give my grandchildren the grace to repent and acknowledge the truth and accept the salvation that comes through faith in Christ. See to it that they are delivered from the bondage to the devil and give their hearts and lives to You. 2 Timothy 2:25-26

Jesus, please knock on the door of my grandchildren's hearts. Please keep on knocking until it is very obvious to my grandchildren that it is You. In mercy, give them the grace to repent and invite You into their lives. Revelation 3:20

Lord of the harvest, send a worker to my grandchildren who can tell them about You and can also model real Christianity for them. Luke 10:2

Father, set my grandchildren apart by Your Holy Spirit to believe the Gospel and give their lives to Jesus Christ. Protect them from anyone who would keep them from trusting in Jesus. 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Peter 1:2

Use me to communicate to my grandchildren that those who have never trusted Jesus are only one heartbeat away from facing Your wrath forever. John 3:18

Break through my grandchildren's trust in their good works. Convince them that salvation is a free gift that comes through faith in Jesus alone. Ephesians 2:8-9

God of all grace, give my grandchildren the grace to repent and give their lives to Jesus. 1 Peter 5:10

Show my grandchildren how much You want them to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4

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- * Wonderful Prayers From Paul's Letters (Prayers for spiritual growth) -
- * Prayers from John, James, Peter, Jude & Revelation (Prayers for spiritual growth) -
- * Prayers From Psalms for Troubled Times
- * Survival Prayers (Prayers on selected topics like protection, direction, jobs, marriages, the lost, healing)_
- * Building On Men's Faith Through Prayer (Prayers from Luke geared toward men)
- * Powerful Praying Through Confessing God's Truth (Things that are true about us that we need to be confessing instead of all the negative things we say) -
- * Women on the Home Front (Devotional book by Marcia)
- * Stop & Pray (Prayers for revival from Ezra & Nehemiah)_
- * Simple Thoughts on Prayer (A book on prayer by Tom(
- * Character Quality Prayers. (Months of daily prayers for character development)