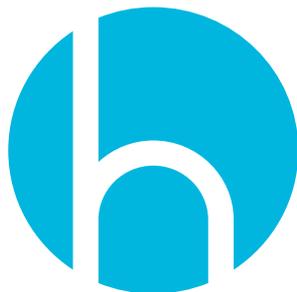


# INTENTIONAL GRAND- PARENTING



Grandparents in the 21st century face a mix of new opportunities and challenges:

- Extended life expectancy has dramatically changed the length and look of the empty nest years.
- Many grandparents now have greater opportunities for work and travel.
- Tight-knit family relationships have increasingly given way to family members spread over wide geographic distances.
- Some grandparents face the challenge of getting time with grandchildren because of divorce.
- A growing number of grandparents have watched circumstances drive them to take primary responsibility for raising their grandchildren.

In this context, it's become less clear what role grandparents can best play. They are not just a good source for gifts and free babysitting.

### **What's the most important thing a grandparent can do?**

Helping grandparents have a greater spiritual impact on their families is one of the most important goals all Christians can achieve.

## **CULTURE SAYS**

It's time to take it easy and enjoy spoiling your grandchildren.

## **SCRIPTURE SAYS**

Grandparents are called to a greater level of influence. – “Teach them to your children and to their children after them.” Deuteronomy. 4:9

## **AS A CHRISTIAN GRANDPARENT**

### **You are important to your grandchildren.**

Behind parents, grandparents are the most influential people in the lives of children and youth.

### **You are in a unique position of influence.**

Making sure the time you spent with your grandchildren isn't just spoiling them and taking them to movies and buying them things. But it is about making sure they understand God is real, he cares for them as we care for them and our love is small compared to what God's love is for them.

### **You can build and grow relationships with your family.**

We don't just raise our kids to adults and they have their kids and then we're done. We are supposed to run along side them with the grandkids helping to raise them, support them and build them up as well.

## GOING FURTHER RESOURCES

**EXTREME GRANDPARENTING** by Ted Kimmel and Darcy Kimmel

Offers timeless and tested principles for grandparenting in the twenty-first century.

**IT STARTS AT HOME** by Kurt Bruner and Steve Stroope

Gives grandparents practical suggestions for influencing the faith of their grandchildren.

**POWER OF A PRAYING GRANDPARENT** by Stormie Omartian

Offers powerful suggestions for prayer covering your grandchildren, yourself and your grandchildren's parents.

**BIBLICAL GRANDPARENTING** by Dr. Josh Mulvihill

Explores God's design for disciple-making and passing faith to future generations.

## GOING FURTHER SUPPORT

### INTENTIONAL GRANDPARENTING

At Hill Country, we want to engage generations and as a grandparent, you have the opportunity to do that in your own family. We want to help you learn more about what intentional Christian grandparenting looks like and provide additional tools and resources to help you as you navigate the challenges of grandparenting. For more information, visit [hcbc.com/grandparenting](https://hcbc.com/grandparenting)

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