

Truth for ALL Generations

Hebrews 13:16 ESV

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

➔ **Truth is only one generation away from extinction**

Psalm 145:4 KJV

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

Karl Mannheim's "Theory of Generations" (1923 essay)

Karl Mannheim theorized that a generation isn't necessarily a group of **same-aged** people, but a group of **same-influenced** people.

People, as a societal group, are influenced collectively by the socio-historical environment that they are exposed to, especially while in an impressionable age.

Historical example: 1940's World War II "The Greatest Generation"

➔ This social phenomenon influences that generation to have an overall sameness of thinking and creates a community of "agents of change". This, in turn, gives rise to events that potentially shape future generations.

An interesting way to use this theory:

We who have come to the knowledge of God's truth form a "generation".

We have "sameness of thinking" and become a community of "agents of change".

This WILL shape future generations of TRUTH-bearers

As a TRUTH-bearer, what would YOU pass to the next generation?

Scriptures shared:

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 KJV

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Acts 2:38

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Proverbs 4:10-27 NLT

10 *My child (natural or spiritual), listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life.*

11 *I will teach you wisdom's ways and lead you in straight paths.*

12 *When you walk, you won't be held back; when you run, you won't stumble.*

13 *Take hold of my instructions; don't let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life.*

14 *Don't do as the wicked do, and don't follow the path of evildoers.*

15 *Don't even think about it; don't go that way. Turn away and keep moving.*

16 *For evil people can't sleep until they've done their evil deed for the day. They can't rest until they've caused someone to stumble.*

17 *They eat the food of wickedness and drink the wine of violence!*

18 *The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day.*

19 *But the way of the wicked is like total darkness. They have no idea what they are stumbling over.*

20 *My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words.*

21 *Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart,*

22 *for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.*

23 *Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.*

24 *Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech.*

25 *Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you.*

26 *Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.*

27 *Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.*

As long as we are alive on this earth, God expects us to pass along His truth to another generation. It is part of the Great Commission:

Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

*"...**make disciples** of all the nations.....**teach** these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you."*

The mercy of Truth:

Luke 1:50 NLT He shows mercy from generation to generation to ALL who fear Him.