



Pathway Resources Bundle Introduction

LEGACY FAMILIES...

RAISING GENERATIONS OF FAITH AND BLESSING

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QUICK START GUIDE



- Step 1** CLARIFY where you are PR-1
Clarify your family's current life-stage.
- Step 2** CHOOSE who you will be PR-2 to PR-4
Choose a Model to use or modify to set the identity and direction of your family.
- Step 3** CULTIVATE what you will look like,
Cultivate your Model daily letting it shape everyday decisions and rhythms, intentionally using the motto/vision from step 2 to shape your conversations.
- Step 4** CONSIDER how you are doing PR-5 to PR-8
Consider your progress at least once a year, every 6 months is even better, using the Reflection and Renewal guides to identify, recognize and acknowledge growth, realign when and where necessary.
- Step 5** CONNECT when you need support PR-11
Connect with additional resources to support the unique challenges and opportunities of each season.

Start with what is... Build toward what can be

- *Build slowly,*
- *Revisit at least annually.*

Legacy is formed over decades of steady faithfulness

The Legacy Family PathwaySM Resources Bundle Introduction

Start With What Is — Build Toward What Can Be



The Legacy Family PathwaySM is a roadmap designed to guide families from the birth of their first child through the legacy years of grandparenting.

It is intentionally simple, flexible, rooted in Biblical truth, and lived experience.

How to Use This Resource Bundle

A Framework — Not a Program

The Pathway is not a curriculum to complete, or a program to attend—it is a framework to live by into which Season specific resources can naturally be added providing a personalized structure without time constraints or expectations from sources outside their own family. It develops naturally into a multi-generational rhythm.

Resources (**PR-1 through PR-11**) are tools to help you clarify, strengthen, and renew your family's legacy over time. Families will engage these resources gradually. Families will engage in these resources— across many years — returning to them as new seasons, challenges, and needs arise.

ALL FAMILIES WILL BEGIN WITH PR-1 THE SPRING/MODEL SEASON

to determine the Model **PR-2**, **PR-3** or **PR-4** they want to embrace.

- **PR-5 to PR-8** are annual reflection and renewal guides.
- **PR-9 & PR-10** are outline blessing ceremonies for the Winter/Mantle Season.
- **PR-11** is a reference guide on how to use other Season specific resources as families grow and needs change.

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The Legacy Family Pathway

RESOURCE MAP



SPRING: Model

CLARIFYING & NAMING YOUR FAMILY VALUES + FAITH VISION



PR-1: DESIGN YOUR LEGACY FAMILY MODEL Companion Page

MODEL

- CHOOSE A SAMPLE FAMILY MODEL:
- PR-2: THE "VALUES-IN-ACTION" MODEL.
- PR-3: THE "OUR STORY" MODEL.
- PR-4: THE "LAUNCHPAD" MODEL.

REFLECT & RENEW GUIDE: SPRING

SUMMER

SUMMER: Mold

SHAPING HEARTS & CHARACTER DURING TEEN YEARS



PR-6: REFLECT & RENEW GUIDE: SUMMER

AUTUMN

AUTUMN: Mentor

CULTIVATING TRUST & INFLUENCE INTO ADULTHOOD



PR-7: REFLECT & RENEW GUIDE: AUTUMN

WINTER

WINTER: Mantle

BLESSING + PASSING THE FAMILY LEADERSHIP TORCH



- A- FULL BLESSING + MANTLE PASSING CEREMONY
- B- SHORT/LIMITED PREPARATION CEREMONY

Other Grandparenting Resources

Reflect & Renew Guide: MULTI-GENERATIONAL



Ongoing Outward Circles of Generational Faith

PR-11 SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES



The Legacy Family PathwaySM is not intended to replace the many excellent Christian family resources already available. **Instead, it provides a flexible framework into which supplemental tools naturally fit.**

As your children grow, you may seek focused help for a season regarding:

- Marriage enrichment
- Teen challenges
- Faith conversations with children and teens
- Technology boundaries
- Emotional health
- Rites of passage
- Grandparenting





Widely respected ministries like* [Focus on the Family](#), [Family Life](#), [Orange Ministries](#), and [D6 Ministries](#) provide discipleship systems to help churches and families clarify values, write vision/mission statements and much more. Celebrated authors **John Trent and Gary Smalley** in their book* [“The Blessing”](#) have highlighted the power of a parent’s blessing. There are excellent teen-focused **“rites of passage” ceremonies** like **Family Life’s weekend getaways** and Focus on the Family’s spiritual rites of passage for boys and girls.

Others like [The Legacy Coalition](#) provide excellent resources for grandparents and [The Exchange](#) and [Crossway](#) have a large selection of downloadable resources and books for parents at every stage of a child’s development.

***These supplemental resources will serve you well for a time.
The Pathway serves you well for a lifetime.***

Examples Of Supplemental Resources Aligned With Each Season In The Legacy Family PathwaySM



SEASON	Common Parenting Challenges	Sample 3rd Party Resources
 Spring- <u>M</u> odel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing spiritual rhythms at home • Building character & obedience • Creating strong parent-child connection • Laying early faith foundation 	<p>Focus on the Family Raising Kids of Character</p> <p>D6 Family Ministry</p>
 Summer- <u>M</u> OLD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistency in discipline • Teaching responsibility • Navigating technology & screen time • Developing healthy habits & routines 	<p>Orange (Parent Cue)</p> <p>Focus on the Family Screen Time & Digital Parenting Resources</p>
 Autumn – <u>M</u> ENTOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult conversations with teens. • Identity & peer pressure • Maintaining relational influence • Preparing teens for adulthood 	<p>FamilyLife Raising Resilient Teens (Podcast)</p> <p>Orange (XP3 Youth Ministry) Identity & Relationship Teaching Series</p>
 Winter – <u>M</u> ANTLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy boundaries with adult children • Grandparent spiritual influence • Passing on legacy intentionally • Celebrating family milestones 	<p>Legacy Coalition Grandparenting Resources Hub</p> <p>D6 Family Ministry Grandparenting & Multigenerational Faith Resources</p>

SPRING

SUMMER

AUTUMN

WINTER



PR-1 Spring / Model Companion Guide

Resources:

PR-1 How To Clarify Your Legacy Family Model

Sample Family Models:

PR-2 Values-In-Action Model (Family Focus: Identity).

PR-3 Our Story Model (Family Focus: Formation).

PR-4 Launchpad Model (Family Focus: Calling).

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THE STARTING POINT FOR ALL FAMILIES

ENTERING THE PATHWAY AT ANY STAGE OF FAMILY LIFE.



Use this Companion Guide to prayerfully clarify a **M**odel that reflects your unique family, your story, and the legacy you want to live and pass on. Identify the Biblical values, rhythms and hopes you want to live by. Clarify what matters most and set the direction and spiritual tone of your family legacy.

1. Where Is your family right now?

(Young family? Growing? Multi-generational? Newly blended? Empty nest?)

Record the stage here:

2. What do you sense God shaping in your family right now?

(Emerging strengths? Challenges? Opportunities?)

Write your reflections and conclusions here

3. Discern, Name, and Clarify Your Model

Choose one of the following three **M**odels that most closely aligns with what you have discerned God is already forming in your family. Use your response to questions 1 and 2 above to modify it by blending parts from the other two **M**odels **or** create a new **M**odel from scratch. The most important consideration is to make it your own because it will become the foundational north star guiding your family for decades and shaping the heart of your legacy for generations.

Each **M**odel includes a thematic Scripture expressing God’s heart for families and gives a suggested strategic focus. But use any other Scripture that best represents the theme God is already uncovering so It can encourage your family to be shaped more by Scripture than culture or circumstances. The **M**odel you clarify will quietly influence every future Season, including how you **M**old, how you **M**entor, and eventually how you pass the **M**antle of family faith and leadership.



PR-2 The “VALUES-IN-ACTION”

LEGACY FAMILY MODEL

This Model begins with character. It invites you to name the Godly values you want woven into your family’s identity and not just talked about. That way, it answers the clarifying question: “What kind of people do we hope our family becomes over time?”

A “Values-in-Action” Legacy Family, with an emphasis on identity, becomes known, not for what it owns or achieves, but for how it loves, serves, forgives, gives, and trusts God.

Guiding Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:6–7

“These commandments... are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road...”

Faith is meant to shape daily rhythms — around the table, in the car, during conflict, in celebration, and through hardship. Over time, what is consistently Modeled (lived) becomes what is naturally passed on.

Core Invitation

You may sense that God has already been forming certain values in your family — perhaps faithfulness in adversity, generosity toward others, hospitality, perseverance, integrity, or kindness. This Model helps you name those values clearly and begin aligning your family rhythms around them. Instead of asking, “What should we be doing?” You begin asking “Who are we becoming?”

A 10–50 Year Vision Might Sound Like:

- “We want to become a family known for choosing kindness, even when it’s hard.”
- “We want our home to feel safe and welcoming for anyone who walks through the door.”
- “We want our children, and one day our grandchildren, to see faith practiced, not just talked about.”
- “We want future generations to remember that in our family, love and truth walked together.”

Living It Daily (Naturally, Not Perfectly)

Values take root through simple, repeatable rhythms:

- A weekly family meal that remains protected and intentional
- Serving together in church or in the community
- Opening your home to neighbors with warmth and authenticity

These rhythms are not about performance. They are about consistency. Over time, small practices quietly shape identity. What is Modeled in Spring and Molded in Summer will mature through Mentoring in Autumn and eventually be ready to be entrusted in Winter as the Mantle of family leadership and faith is passed on.

Important Characteristics of this Model:

A “Values-in-Action” Model gives every generation a clear compass:

- Children grow up understanding not only what their family believes, but how those beliefs inform decisions, and shape a lifestyle. Adult children will carry those rhythms into their own homes.
- Grandparents, years later, find that the values they practiced daily have become a spiritual inheritance.

*Legacy grows from values faithfully
practiced across decades*

YOUR PERSONALIZED
“VALUES-IN-ACTION” LEGACY FAMILY MODEL



What long-range Godly values do you sense shaping your family?

(Kindness? Faith? Integrity? Generosity? Gratitude? Perseverance?)

Write those reflections here:

What rhythms or traditions might help reinforce those values over the next 10–50 years?

(Family meals? Serving together? Hospitality? Blessing prayers? Shared devotions?)

Write those reflections here:

Your 10–50 Year Vision. In 10 years, what do you hope your family feels like?

(Relational closeness? Spiritual maturity? Shared traditions? Emotional safety?)

Write those reflections here:

In 25–50 years, what do you hope future generations will say about your family?

(What spiritual inheritance or values will they continue? How you hope they speak of your influence?)

Write those reflections here:

MOTTO: What two words or one sentence, captures your family's long-range vision?

Use this as a reminder, spoken to your children frequently, on the fridge, as a password for your phones, written in your Bible. This does not need to be perfect. It simply needs to be clear and memorable.

Write that motto or one sentence vision here:

COMMITMENTS - Life crowds out even the best intentions. Without clear, specific commitments, memorialized in some way, what feels meaningful today can disappear next week. What ongoing rhythms do we need to shape our family over decades and prepare the next generation for faithful "values-in action" living? (Annual reflection day, family retreat, values stories night, encouragement retreat day? Others?)

Write those reflections here:

What one specific action will you take in the next 30–90 days to begin living this Model intentionally?
What second action will we take within six months to reinforce it? When will you revisit these?
What decisions must your family make now so this Model is not gradually compromised by the busyness of life?

Write your action steps here:

Record your commitments here :

Signatures

Date



PR-3 The “OUR STORY”

LEGACY FAMILY MODEL



This **Model** invites you to become intentional about the story your family is living. Some stories drift and fade. Others are remembered, repeated, and carried forward. Rather than beginning with values alone, this approach begins with narrative.

*An “Our Story” Legacy Family, with an emphasis on narrative, asks:
“When our grandchildren speak about our family, what story do we hope they tell?”*

Guiding Scripture

Psalm 78:4

“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.”

From the beginning, God’s people were shaped by remembered stories — of deliverance, provision, restoration, and mercy. What was remembered was retold. What was retold was preserved. And what was preserved became identity.

Core Invitation

You may already see threads of a story forming in your family. Maybe God’s faithfulness through hardship courage in Seasons of uncertainty, unity after conflict, grace that restored broken moments, or provision coming at just the right time. This **Model** helps you name those themes and begin leaning into them more consciously. Instead of asking, “What are we doing next?” You begin asking, “What story are we writing together?”

A 10–50 Year Vision Might Sound Like:

- “We want to build a legacy of faith our children can stand on long after we’re gone.”
- “We want future generations to know the stories of God’s provision in our family.”
- “We want our family story to be marked by unity, reconciliation, and consistent love.”
- “We want our grandchildren to know they belong to something bigger than themselves.”

Living the Story (Intentionally, Not Perfectly)

- Keeping a simple family journal of answered prayers
- Recording key turning points or milestones
- Creating annual traditions that reinforce identity
- Sharing testimonies at reunions or family gatherings

These practices are not about nostalgia. They are about identity. What is named in the Spring/**Model** will be interpreted in Summer/**Molding**, honored in Autumn/**Mentoring**, and entrusted in the Winter/**Mantle** transfer. And someday, grandchildren may repeat those same stories as part of their own foundation.

Important Characteristics of this Model:

The “Our Story” **Model** anchors your family in meaning and memory.

- Children grow up knowing not only what their family believes, but how God has shown up across decades. Adult children carry those stories into their own homes.
- Grandparents discover that what once felt like ordinary faithfulness has become a spiritual inheritance.

*A remembered story becomes the
strongest bridge between generations.*

YOUR PERSONALIZED
"OUR STORY" LEGACY FAMILY MODEL



What God-honoring themes do you sense shaping your family's story?
(God's faithfulness? Courage in adversity? Unity? Grace? Reconciliation?)

Write those reflections here:

How will you preserve and pass on your family's spiritual story?
(Family journal? Annual retreat? Testimonies? Passing down answered prayers?)

Write those reflections here:

Your 10–50 Year Vision - In 10 years, what do you hope your family feels like?
(Relational closeness? Spiritual maturity? Shared traditions? Emotional safety?)

Write those reflections here:

In 25–50 years, what do you hope future generations will say about your family?
(What spiritual landmarks will they name? What stories will they continue to tell?)

Write those reflections here:

MOTTO: What two words or one sentence, captures your family’s long-range vision?

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Write that motto or sentence here

COMMITMENTS - Life crowds out even the best intentions. Without clear, specific commitments, memorialized in some way, what feels meaningful today can disappear next week. What ongoing rhythms do we believe we need to shape our family over decades and prepare the next generation for faithful “values-in action” living? (Annual reflection day, family retreat, values stories night, encouragement retreat day? Others?)

Write those reflections here:

What one specific action will you take in the next 30–90 days to begin living this **M**odel intentionally?
What second action will we take within six months to reinforce it? When will you revisit these?
What decisions must your family make now so this **M**odel is not gradually compromised by the busyness of life?

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Record your commitments here

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PR-4 The “LAUNCHPAD”

LEGACY FAMILY MODEL



This **M**odel, rooted in stewardship and calling, invites parents and grandparents to see themselves as faithful stewards preparing the next generation to discover who God created them to be. Children are not projects to manage. They are lives to steward, shape, bless, and eventually release.

*A “Launchpad” Legacy Family, with an emphasis on calling, asks:
“How do we prepare our hearts and those of children to follow God’s calling?”*

Guiding Scripture

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you hope and a future.”

God’s purposes for each generation are personal and intentional. Parents and grandparents participate in that purpose — not by scripting every step, but by building confidence, character, and faith that will carry forward long after their daily oversight ends.

Core Invitation

You may already see gifts emerging; leadership instincts, compassion for others, creative expressions, perseverance under pressure, or a hunger to understand truth. This **M**odel helps you nurture those strengths intentionally — speaking identity, offering guidance, and building spiritual confidence over time. Launching does not mean pushing. It means preparing, blessing, and trusting.

A 10–50 Year Vision Might Sound Like:

- “We want to raise functioning adults, not simply manage busy children.”
- “We want each child to know their gifts, know they are deeply loved, and they have a place in God’s story.”
- “We want the next generation to be spiritually grounded, relationally secure, and confident in God’s direction.”

Living It Out (With Patience and Trust)

- Intentional conversations at key milestones (age 12, 16, graduation, marriage)
- Speaking blessing and affirmation regularly — not just correction
- Teaching life skills that integrate faith, responsibility, relationships, and generosity
- Allowing space for growth, failure, and learning

This is not about accelerating maturity. It is about steadily building confidence and character. What is prepared in the Spring/**M**odel Season, **M**olded in the Summer Season, strengthened in the Autumn/**M**entoring Season and entrusted in the Winter/**M**antle passing may very well become the ones preparing the next generation.

Important Characteristics of this Model:

The Launchpad **M**odel sets a hopeful trajectory.

- It shifts focus from managing daily chaos to shaping long-term calling. Children grow up knowing they are loved and capable. Adult children step into responsibility with blessing behind them.
- Grandparents discover that the identity they spoke decades earlier has become lived reality.

Launching is not an event; it is the fruit of faithful preparation across many seasons.

**YOUR PERSONALIZED
“LAUNCHPAD” LEGACY FAMILY MODEL**



What God-given strengths or callings do you see emerging in your family?

Write those strengths and calling reflections here

What blessings, skills, or godly habits do you sense called to pass on?

(Practical wisdom? Spiritual disciplines? Financial stewardship? Relational maturity? Encouragement rituals?)

Write those reflections here:

Your 10–50 Year Vision: In 10 years, what do you hope your family feels like?

(Relational closeness? Spiritual maturity? Confidence? Shared responsibility?)

Write those reflections here:

In 25–50 years, what do you hope future generations will say about your leadership and blessing?

(What foundation did you give them? What confidence did you build in them?)

Write those reflections here:

MOTTO: What two words or one sentence, captures your family's long-range vision?

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Write that motto or sentence here

COMMITMENTS - Life crowds out even the best intentions. Without clear, specific commitments, memorialized in some way, what feels meaningful today can disappear next week. What ongoing rhythms do you need to shape your family over decades and prepare the next generation to faithfully live out their calling? (Reflection day? Milestone conversations? Blessing prayers? Leadership affirmation moments? Others?)

Write those reflections here:

What one specific action will you take in the next 30–90 days to begin living this Model intentionally?
What second action will you take within six months to reinforce it? When will you revisit these?
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PR-5 Spring / Model Reflection & Renewal Guide



An annual pause to strengthen what God is forming across generations

A Time to Pause and Look Back

Spring is not only about planting.
It is also about returning to what was planted.

This annual reflection is not a time to reinvent our Model.

It is a time to ask alignment questions:

- Have we been living what we clarified?
- Where have we seen God's faithfulness?
- Where have we drifted?

Legacy grows through intentional review — not perfection.

Take time to pray ... Slow down ... Reinforce where needed.

Looking Back With Honesty and Gratitude

1. Over the past year, where have we clearly lived our Model?
2. Which rhythms strengthened our family's identity?
3. Where did we drift from what we originally clarified?
4. What distractions or pressures weakened our focus?

Reflections on the successes of our Model?

What rhythms need to be strengthened?

Unintended drift?

Pressures that weakened?

Renewal Discernment

As we look toward the coming year:

1. What part of our Model feels strong and life-giving?
2. What part needs strengthening or simplification?
3. Is our Model still clear and memorable to everyone in the family?
4. What adjustments are needed for this season of life?

Strengths of our Model?

Areas needing simplification?

Areas needing clarification?

Other adjustments needed?

Renewal Decisions for the Coming Year

Legacy is strengthened through small, faithful adjustments.

1. Strengthen one rhythm that bore fruit.
 2. Release one rhythm that proved unrealistic
 3. Clarify one value that needs clearer expression
 4. Set the date now for next year's reflection gathering.
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Rhythm to be strengthened?

Rhythm to be discontinued?

Value to be clarified?

Date for our next reflection gathering?

A Prayer Prompt for Renewal

Lord, thank You for what You have grown in our family this year.
Show us where we have been faithful and where we need realignment.
Strengthen what honors You. Gently correct what has drifted.
Help us continue **M**odeling faith for generations yet to come.

Amen.

PR-6 Summer / Mold Reflection & Renewal Guide



An annual pause to strengthen what God is forming across generations

A Time to Shape and Notice Growth

Summer is active. Full. Often exhausting.
Growth can be so rapid that we barely recognize it . . .
or so subtle that we miss it.

This is not a time to measure performance.
It is a time to **M**old, shape, notice and celebrate formation.

It is a time to ask formation questions:

- Where has character deepened?
- Where has patience been stretched?
- Where has God been quietly shaping hearts beneath the surface?

Legacy grows through intentional review—not perfection
Take time to pray ... Reflect ... Trust God to grow what was planted.

Looking Back With Clarity

1. Where have we seen **M**olding result in real growth: spiritually, emotionally, relationally?
2. What moments of correction or encouragement bore fruit?
3. Where did our shaping feel too heavy, too reactive, or inconsistent?
4. In what ways did grandparents reinforce or unintentionally complicate this Season?

Reflections on **M**olding with growth beneath the surface:

Bursts of rapid growth?

Rhythms that bore fruit?

Corrections still needed?

Formation Discernment

As we look toward the coming year:

1. What character qualities need continued shaping?
2. What rhythms reinforced biblical truth most effectively?
3. What habits or patterns need strengthening, greater consistency, or grace?
4. How can we and grandparents align to intentionally shape a biblical worldview?

Where have we seen success in **M**olding our children's character?

Reflections on applying biblical truth?

Areas in need of strengthening, consistency, grace?

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Reflections on our children gaining a biblical worldview?_

Renewal Decisions for the Coming Year

Formation happens through steady alignment.

1. Celebrate one specific growth milestone.
2. Reinforce one habit that produced fruit.
3. Adjust one pattern that proved ineffective.
4. Choose one way to speak life into our children more intentionally.

Milestones?

bit to reinforce. How? Ha

Pattern adjustment needed?

How will we speak life effectively?

Date for next reflection gathering?

A Prayer Prompt for Ongoing Formation of a Biblical Worldview.

Lord, thank You for the growth we have witnessed.
Give us wisdom to shape with gentleness, courage to correct with grace,
and joy in watching what You are forming in our children and in us.

Amen.

PR-7 Autumn / Mentor Reflection & Renewal Guide



An annual pause to strengthen what God is forming across generations

A Time to Strengthen the Bridge Forward

Autumn is delicate. Roles shift. Authority softens. Influence deepens.

But it is more than a parenting transition.

It is the Season when trust built...or weakened...will shape openness, access, and spiritual influence grandparents will have in the years ahead.

Autumn holds the greatest potential for cultivating the relational bridge to the next generation through **M**entoring.

It is a time to ask relational trust questions:

- Have we listened well? Have we released wisely?
- Have we built the bridge to the next generation today that will welcome us into our grandchildren's lives tomorrow?

Legacy grows through intentional review — not perfection.

Take time to pray ... Reflect .. Adjust where needed.

Looking Back With Relational Honesty

1. Where have we successfully shifted from directing to **Mentoring**?
2. Where have we struggled to release control? What conversations strengthened trust?
3. Where did tension reveal immaturity...in our children, or in us?
4. If grandkids were born today, would we be welcomed as wise trusted influencers?

Reflections on the successes of our **Mentoring**?

Areas to release control...areas to strengthen trust?

Areas needing maturity.

Relationship areas needing attention for effective future grandparenting?

Mentoring & Grandparenting Discernment

As we look toward the coming year:

1. Where do we need to strengthen trust before grandchildren arrive?
2. Are we cultivating humility, listening and restraint?
3. What responsibilities should increase?
4. How can we offer influence without intrusion?

Trust needed?

Character issues needing attention?

Who and what responsibilities need to be shifted from us to our children?

Reflections on preparation for welcomed grandparenting?

Trust Building Adjustments for the Coming Year

Future grandparenting influence is built now.

1. Release one unnecessary control point.
2. Initiate two conversations rooted in listening.
3. Affirm two strengths we see emerging in our adult children.
4. Clarify one boundary that protects long-term relationships

One control point?

How to start a conversation dominated by reflective listening?

Two strengths?

Which boundary?

Date for next reflection gathering?

A Prayer Prompt for Wise Mentoring

Lord, teach us to continue to Mentor with humility and courage.
Help us build on-going trust that will open doors for future influence.

May the relationships we strengthen now become the bridge
through which Your faith is carried to generations yet to come.

Amen.

PR-8 Winter / Mantle Reflection & Renewal Guide



An annual pause to strengthen what God is forming across generations

A Time to Bless and Entrust

Winter isn't withdrawal.
It is intentional entrusting.

The Pathway weaves parents and grandparents into one continuous story. Grandparenting is not a stand-alone stage of life, it is the fruit of decades of faithful **M**odeling, **M**olding, and **M**entoring

It is a time to ask family transition questions:

- How is God inviting us to fully embrace our role as blessers, wisdom-bearers, encouragers, and faith-builders?

Legacy grows through intentional review — not perfection.

Take time to pray ... Release ... Thank God for His faithfulness.

Looking Back With Gratitude

1. Where are clear indications of God's faithfulness woven into our family story?
2. What strengthened our identity?
3. Where have we seen our influence most obviously in our grandchildren?
4. How and how well are we preparing the transfer of family leadership?

Where was God's hand seen?

Enduring values? Identity rhythms?_

Obvious influence in grandchildren?

Reflections on the leadership transfer?

Entrusting Discernment

Looking ahead:

1. How can we support without overstepping?
2. What wisdom still needs to be spoken?
3. As grandparents, where is God inviting us to strengthen, not compete, with parents?
4. How can we reinforce a shared multigenerational vision?

Where to support?

What wisdom?

Where to strengthen?

What to reinforce

Intentional Acts of Blessing & Mantle Passing
Grandparents strengthen legacy by blessing forward.

1. Speak at least one specific blessing this year.
2. Affirm one leadership quality you see emerging.
3. Choose a meaningful moment to express gratitude and entrust responsibility..
4. Clarify how you will continue encouraging without controlling?

Blessing?

Leadership quality?

Gratitude?

Encourage?

An Annual Prayer Prompt for Generational Blessing

Lord, thank You for the story You have written across our family.
Help us bless with humility, guide with restraint, and encourage with wisdom.
May we strengthen relationships and carry Your faith and our family's values,
and identity for generations to come.

Amen



Pathway Resources PR-9 and PR-10 Family Blessing Ceremony Outlines

PR-9 Full Ceremony Outline “A”

PR-10 Short Ceremony Outline “B”

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PR-9 Family Blessing Ceremony Outline “A”

Grandfather/Father or Other Head of Household Version

A blessing ceremony affirms identity, celebrates God’s faithfulness, and intentionally passes spiritual encouragement and leadership to the next generation. This moment recognizes that God is writing a story through your family—a story meant to continue across generations.

(Traditionally this ceremony is led by the father or grandfather, who speaks as the spiritual leader of the family. For families where the father or grandfather is not present or is not the primary spiritual leader, the ceremony should be led by the family’s head of household or another respected spiritual leader within the family.)

Preparations For A Memorable Event

Suggested Setting (Choose a warm and meaningful setting)

- A family living room gathering
- A holiday celebration
- A family reunion
- A special milestone event

(Arrange seating so family members can see one another easily — often a semicircle works well.)

Symbolic Gifts: (These gifts should remain simple but meaningful. They will carry with them the memorializing of this moment representing the change of spiritual leadership and family responsibilities.)

- A written blessing, including the family motto or a meaningful scripture
- A family Bible or journal with the family motto or a meaningful scripture
- A key or keychain engraved with the family motto or a meaningful scripture
- A piece of jewelry engraved with the family motto or a meaningful scripture
- A Mantle cloth or other symbolic item

Biblical Foundations: (Examples of generational blessing and leadership transfer which remind us that faith is meant to be passed from one generation to the next)

- Genesis 27
- Genesis 48–49
- Deuteronomy 31:7–8
- Psalm 145:4
- Mark 10:16



Ceremony Flow

Opening Words: (Something like this; put into your words)

Thank you all for being here together.

As I reflect on our family and God's kindness to us, I feel deep gratitude. Tonight, I want to take a few moments to acknowledge His faithfulness and speak a blessing over our family and the generations that follow.

Scripture Reading: (Choose one or two passages most meaningful to your family)

- Psalm 145:4
- Numbers 6:24–26
- Deuteronomy 7:9
- Proverbs 17:6
- Joshua 24:15

Reflection on God's Faithfulness: (Something like this; put into your words)

When I look back over our family's story, I can clearly see God's hand — His protection, His provision, and His grace.

I believe He is writing a story through our family that will continue long after our lifetimes.

Words to the Family: (Something like this; put into your words)

Each of you is a gift to this family.

God has given every one of us unique strengths, personalities, and callings. My prayer is that our family will always be known for faith, unity, and a desire to honor God.

Honoring the Role of Parents and Grandparents: (Something like this; put into your words)

Families grow stronger when generations support one another.

Parents shape the daily lives of their children. Grandparents strengthen the story of faith by encouraging, praying, and blessing the generations that follow.

Together we carry forward the legacy God has entrusted to our family.



Passing the Mantle: (Something like this; put into your words)

As I grow older, I intentionally recognize the leaders God is raising in the next generation.

Tonight, I pass the **M**antle of leadership — the responsibility to protect, guide, and strengthen this family — to you. Lead with humility, wisdom, and grace. May our family continue to follow God faithfully for generations to come.

Individual Blessings to Affirm Their:

(Speak a brief personal and sincere blessing over each child and grandchild.)

- Character
- Identity
- Gifts
- Calling

Closing Prayer Prompt

(Something like this; put into your words)

Lord, Thank You for this family.

**Strengthen our relationships, unite our hearts, and guide every generation that follows.
Empower the leaders You are raising among us, and may our family continue to honor
You for generations to come.**

Amen.

PR-10 Family Blessing Ceremony Outline “B”

This brief ceremony allows families to speak blessing and encouragement without extensive preparation.



Typical Uses:

- Family gatherings
- Holidays
- Birthdays
- Milestone moments
- Grandparent visits

Opening Words: (Something like this; put into your words)

Tonight I want to take a moment to thank God for our family and to speak a blessing over each of you.

Scripture Reading: (Choose one or two passages most meaningful to your family)

- The Lord bless you and keep you – Numbers 6:24–26
- One generation will commend Your works to another–Psalm 145:4

Family Blessing:

“I thank God for each of you — for the gifts, strengths, and personalities He has placed in your lives. You are deeply loved, and you are part of a family story that God is still writing across generations.”

Individual Blessing: (Speak 1–2 sentences to each person)

“I bless you in the name of the Lord. May God strengthen you, guide you, protect you, and lead you into the calling He has prepared for your life.”

Passing the Mantle: (Something like this; put into your words)

I recognize the next generation God is raising in this family and I am proud of the way you are allowing God to shape you. May He give you wisdom, courage, and grace as you lead.

Closing Prayer Prompt: (Something like this; put into your words)

Lord, thank You for this family. Unite us, strengthen us, and let Your favor rest upon every generation. Amen.