

How can I share the good news with my parents and grandparents?

Sharing the gospel with family members may be more difficult than sharing it with acquaintances (Mk 6:4, Jn 7:3–10). Nevertheless, it is natural to have concern for one's earthly family (Lk 16:27, 28).

Unfortunately, not all professors are possessors. The apostle Paul said, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God (Ro 8:14)." When one has an unsaved family member, fellowship may be non-existent (1 Jn 1:3). The believer's true family is his spiritual family (2 Ti 1:5, 1 Jn 1:7).

Although parents and grandparents are our earthly elders, they may lack spirituality (1 Co 1:18). The faith of the new believer has given him God's divine nature and righteousness in Christ. From there, the apostle Peter said, "Add to your faith... (2 Pe 1:5)"

Believers can pray for their loved one's salvation (Ac 10:2, 30) and for the Lord to send others to witness to them (Lk 10:2).

Christians should continue to plant seeds giving out the word of God so that their loved ones receive a blessing (1 Co 9:11). Perhaps their family will come to believe (Ac 16:34). Believers should continue to instruct themselves in the scriptures (Eph. 6:4) and trust God's word (Pr 30:27, He 4:12)

Worship should be led by one's parents (Ge 18:19); but, when that is not the case, a role reversal occurs and the child must lead. It is fair to remind older family members that they will not live forever. Aging alone should remind them of that fact.

Each passing day increases the likelihood that they will never get saved. Jeremiah explained why his heart was broken, saying, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved (Je 8:20)!" Explain that God has made provision for their restoration and that they should take it.

Solomon said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth (Ec 12:1)." When older folks get saved, they have less of a life to give to God.

A wise creature, the locust, provides a good example for Christ-followers to emulate. The locust can do nothing on its own; but, with the help of others it can take: a home, a city and even a nation. Similarly, when the body of Christ works together, they can overwhelm and conquer the enemy.

The locust has no king; but it advances in ranks (Pr 30:27). The believer is often alone. Without an earthly leader, he must chart his own course. He has a great cloud of witnesses (He 12:1); so, he should continue on (Phil 3:14). Michael Youssef asked, "When your name is mentioned in heaven, what do they say?"

Every person is given the choice to live or die. The Israelites were cured by looking at a bronze serpent (Nu 21:6–9; Jn 3:14, 15). They were given a choice to look and live or not look and die. Individuals today must also choose to look to the Lord in faith. When they come admitting that they are sinners in need of a savior, they can be saved (Jn 3:16).