# Grandparents - there is a job to do

"But watch out! Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren. (Deuteronomy 4:9.)

### 1. We have a purpose

Grandparents face unique needs and many decisions. Despite physical, mental, and often financial changes, grandparents still have a purpose in God's eyes.

# 2. We must accept the responsibility

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. (2 Timothy 1:5)

#### **Encouragement.**

In God's plan, the blessing of an obedient grandparent provides a spiritual influence for grandchildren, passing down God's instructions from generation to generation.

# 3. We must be Living stories

Grandparents are to pay close attention to their own walk with Christ and live a Christ-centred life worthy of imitation where they can say to a grandchild, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ."

### 4. Tell the story of how God moves in you

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands." (2 Timothy 1:6)

This is a great prayer for grandparents. We must tell our grandchildren how God is acting in our lives today. This could fan into life the tiny embers of faith which we have prayed into them many years ago.

### 5. We must pray

"Call to me and I will answer you." (Jeremiah 33:3)

Our privilege

Grandparents have inherited a faith they are to pass on to their children and their grandchildren.