

HELPING THE NEXT GEN WIN

PART 1: A Standard For Living

INTRODUCTION

The Greatest Generation. Baby Boomers. Generation X. Millennials. Generation Z. Each generation is distinct from those that came before and those that come after. They have different priorities and different experiences. They see the world differently. It's easy for the generations to live in conflict and competition. But what is our responsibility to the next generation?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some words our culture uses to describe your generation? How accurate do you think those words are?
2. When you were growing up, did previous generations focus on improving your standard of living or providing you with a standard *for* living? How did that influence you as you grew into adulthood?
3. During the message, John said, *"All people were made to receive and give love. We weren't made to receive love and keep it to ourselves."* How well do you receive and give love? To what extent are you tempted to view love as a limited commodity you should hoard?
4. To model trust in God for the next generation, you have to trust God. In what area of your life do you currently trust in something or someone other than your heavenly Father? What can you do to place your trust to God?
5. Who is someone in the next generation that you need to invest in? What can you do to help that person? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

The next generation doesn't need a better standard of living. It needs a standard *for* living. It is every generation's responsibility—and privilege—to pass along the "praiseworthy deeds of the Lord" to generations that follow. When we help the next generation win, we win as well.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

*We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.*

Psalm 78:4