

# A MESSAGE FOR MOM (AND DAD & THE CHURCH TOO)

Deuteronomy 4:9-10

*Your life will impact and influence future generations...  
so be intentional about how you live it.*

## **Introduction: A mom's influence**

### **I. Watch yourself...because they are watching (9a)**

Monkey See Monkey Do

The next generation is impacted by what we DO much more than by what we SAY.

You are a big fat influence in the lives of your children.

The way you USE that influence will directly impact how BIG and how FAT a dent your children will make for God's Kingdom.

### **II. Teach the Next Generation...because they are the ones who will teach the *next* generation (9b)**

Understand what is at stake here.

It's not just our teens...it's the world around them...and future generations.

### **III. Tell Stories of what God has done for you...because they will never forget (10a)**

Look BACK and see that God is faithful. Look AHEAD and believe that He is able.

God met with the nation of Israel at Mount Horeb.

God has met with YOU in the most memorable moments of your life.

God WILL meet with our children, so help them to *anticipate* this.

### **IV. The end result is worth it...our children will *revere* God and *instruct* their own children in God's ways (10b)**

This is hard and messy...and worth it

Create a vicious cycle of faith in Jesus Christ

Realize that the impact of your influence will be felt down through the generations.

If our children KNOW God and have "real deal" faith...this is worth anything in the world.

## **Conclusion: A grandma's influence**