

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ Sunday May 17th, 2026



Part 4: "Pass It On"

*"...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, because he said,
'There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.'"*
Acts 20:35

The Good Life:
Living a lifestyle of generosity for the glory of God
which shapes us in becoming more like Jesus.

How to Train the Next Generation to Live the Good Life

1. Give your children something greater than money – your time (1 Samuel 2).
2. Use life's teachable moments (Proverbs 22:6; Deut. 6:6-9).
3. Take a field trip / go on a missions trip (2 Cor. 4:18; 1 John 2:17; 2 Peter 3:10-14).
4. Teach them to link money with labor (2 Thess. 3:10; Prov. 10:4; 13:11; 12:24; 14:23).
5. Teach them how to save (Prov. 6:6-8).
6. Get them started on a lifestyle of giving and being generous (Lev. 27:30; Malachi 3:8-10).
7. Teach them how to say "no" (Galatians 5:22-23; Titus 2:-12).
8. Do not underestimate the power of your example.



Taking it Home:

1. Pick up the free article at the Tower beside the Welcome Center, *Finances for Children and Teens*
2. Learn more about living a lifestyle of generosity by checking out the resources in the café. Pick up your free copy of Managing God's Money by Randy Alcorn.
3. Discover ways to effectively manage your personal life by attending the Faithful Finances in a Modern World Workshop – May 17th. Sign up today.
4. Engage your generosity in some way with God's help today! Obedience is always best practiced immediately – *"This is how we know that we know him: If we keep his commands."* 1 Jn. 2:3

How Do We Teach Our Children/Youth About Money? By Randy Alcorn, Linda Jeffries

1. What age is an appropriate age to teach children about money?

This is really a family decision that you should ask God to give you wisdom about. Ages may vary, but you can begin when children are as young as 5.

2. What is the balance of allowance/salary and chores?

Although money should be associated with work, not all work should be associated with money. Children shouldn't always be paid for their chores. However, there are many "extras" that can legitimately be rewarded financially. There are jobs outside the home that children can take on as they grown older. It's important to teach your children a work ethic.

3. What should the ratio be between savings and spending?

When I first started giving my girls .50 a week, a nickel was sacred, designated to the Lord, (he said they often would choose to give more), then they would choose an amount to put in savings and the rest was available to spend.

I believe we should be firm on the 10% as a baseline for giving, but be flexible with the ratio for saving & spending.

4. How do we deal with grandparents giving too much to our children?

This could be a difficult question to answer as I'm sure your parents love your children very much and probably don't even realize the full extent of your feelings on the gift giving. What I would suggest is to pray about how to address this situation with your parents and lovingly let them know your desires and ask them to honor your request for practical gifts for the children.

5. Part-time jobs

It's important to teach your children a work ethic. On the other hand, it's equally important that children learn to put work and other commitments in their proper place. Jobs, youth group, athletics, music, school activities and other commitments although all these can be good, something's wrong when other pursuits are above ministry, fellowship and the teaching of scripture...too busy making money to go to church...

My (Linda Jeffries) boys (who are now 20 and 22), when they were both 14 years old, they had part-time jobs at a dog kennel. They always attended youth group and Bible study (asking for those days off). They both were involved with sports and both went on summer mission's trips. They made sure they balanced working just enough to pay for car insurance, gas and spending money (and tithing, of course), but not working so much they missed out high school and church events. But finding a balance is key.