

THE FUTURE OF FAITH



From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men **understood** the signs of **the times** and knew **the best course** for Israel to take.

1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT

**When we study the present,
it positions us to be
stewards of the future.**

Our Generation

People are living longer.

Our Generation

Information is obtained easier.

Our Generation

Change is happening quicker.

Our Generation

Faith is declining faster.

The U.S. church is getting smaller,
and it is getting older.

The Immediate & The Ultimate

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Generationally

My people, **hear** my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

Psalm 78:1 NIV

I will open my mouth with a **parable**; I will utter **hidden things**, things from of **old**— things we have heard and known, things our **ancestors** have told us.

Psalm 78:2,3 NIV

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 NIV

He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he **commanded** our
ancestors to teach **their children**,

Psalm 78:5 NIV

so the **next generation** would know them, even the children **yet** to be born, and they in turn would tell **their children**.

Psalm 78:6 NIV

Then they would put their **trust** in
God and would **not forget** his
deeds but would **keep** his
commands.

Psalm 78:7 NIV

They would not be like their **ancestors**— a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

Psalm 78:8 NIV

The Exodus

The Conquest

The people served the Lord throughout the lifetime of **Joshua** and of the **elders who outlived him** and who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel.

Judges 2:7 NIV

After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, **another generation** grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel.

Judges 2:10 NIV

The Family
&
The Family of Faith

One generation commends your works to **another**; they tell of your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4 NIV

The choices we make today
echo into future generations.

**When our generation walks by
faith, it gets to shape the future
faith of the next generation.**

I felt compelled to write and urge you to **contend for the faith** that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people.

Jude 3 NIV