

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION FOR FAITHFULNESS
1 THESSALONIANS 2:17-3:13 (ESV)

I. In this final era of human history, we should _____ Christians to be _____ for following Jesus.

A. It's reasonable to assume that our children and our children's children will endure _____ persecution than we _____ do.

B. When the next generation _____ in _____ Christ, that is the glory and joy of the older generations.

We can prepare the next generation for faithfulness by...

II. First, Taking initiative to develop _____ with them with the intent of cultivating their spiritual _____.

A. You can help a new Christian grow in their faith by _____ them in the path that you have _____.

B. The more _____ Christian is usually the one who has to take this step _____.

C. In evangelical lingo, this kind of relationship is often referred to as " _____ " or " _____ " someone.

III. _____ faithfulness in our own difficulties.

A. Like Paul, we should share _____ story (and the _____ story) of faithfulness to Christ through persecution, opposition, and difficulty.

B. When we _____ with those we mentor, the next generation can see our faithfulness in real-time.

IV. _____ them the full _____ of God's Word.

A. New Christians and the next generation need to be _____ the truth of Scripture.

B. Biblical instruction happens through the _____, the _____, and mentoring.

V. _____ fervently for them.

A. Ultimately, it is God's _____ that empowers the next generation to be _____ to Him.

B. Therefore, we pray—as Paul prayed for the Thessalonians—for their...

1. _____

2. _____ for the _____

3. _____

4. And _____.