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<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! How joyful are those who fear the LORD and delight in obeying his commands. <sup>2</sup> Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed. <sup>3</sup> They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever. <sup>4</sup> Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous.... Such people will not be overcome by evil. Those who are righteous will be long remembered. **Psalm 112:1-4, 6 (NLT)**

### The Challenge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation

**1st Gen:** Marked by strong leadership, economic prosperity, intellectual progress and/or spiritual growth.

**2nd Gen:** Inherits something they appreciate but didn't earn. There is often a loss of drive, creativity, and appetite for risk. The main goal often becomes preservation.

**3rd Gen:** Have only seen preservation and entrenchment. They often lack vision, passion, and personal identity. It's common to reject the values of those who have gone before them.

An example from the Bible:

The people of Israel served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him—those who had personally experienced all that the LORD had done for Israel.

**Joshua 24:31 (NLT)**

In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

**Judges 21:25 (NLT)**

### 3 Big Challenges for This Generation

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ too little
  2. We \_\_\_\_\_ too quickly
  3. We \_\_\_\_\_ too frequently
- We need to worry less about today's \_\_\_\_\_ and more about tomorrow's \_\_\_\_\_.

### How do we prepare the next generation?

- Learn how to create \_\_\_\_\_ to use for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- Create a hunger for \_\_\_\_\_-generation faith in Christ
- Cultivate an internal \_\_\_\_\_ and eternal \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>9</sup>“And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. <sup>10</sup>So take this seriously. The LORD has chosen you to build a Temple as his sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work.”

**1 Chronicles 28:9-10 (NLT)**

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize and or meditate on Psalm 112:1
- Decide to be an outlaster so that my life will make a lasting impact on generations to come.
- Focus less on today's happiness and more on tomorrow's readiness
- Surrender my life to God today asking Him to be my Savior and become Lord of my life.