

Passing the Torch 1 of 3
Whatever it Takes
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Ps 71:17-18

*Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.
18 Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, O God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your might to all who are to come.*

1) It is up to the older generation to own the responsibility for and to figure out how to hand on the faith to the younger generation.

2 Tim 3:14-15

*...continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of,
because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from
infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make
you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

2) Growing up in the faith is not getting easier for the emerging generations.

2 Tim 3:1-5

*You should also know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be
very difficult times. 2 For people will love only themselves and their
money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient
to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3
They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and
have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is
good. 4 They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with
pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5 They will act as if they are
religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly.
You must stay away from people like that. (NLT)*

3) What are you doing to declare God's marvelous deeds and power to the next generation?

Heb 5:12-13 *...by this time you ought to be teachers, you need
someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over
again. You need milk, not solid food!*