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Chapters 40 & 41: Help! I've Got Kids Too! and Passing It On Or Not* Discussion Sheet

Scriptural Foundation: “¹⁸Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.” *Deuteronomy 11:18-21 (NIV)*

God's Instructions: 1 Timothy 5:8; Proverbs 13:22; 22:6

1. What do you see as the main challenge/s for raising balanced, God-reliant children in materially-blessed Christian homes?

2. Is it possible to raise children in well-off families without them feeling somehow superior or proud?

3. What do you think is meant by the following statement by Ellen White? “The *circumstances* in which a child is placed will often have a more effective influence on him than even the *example* of parents.”

4. What practical steps can we each take to raise our children with a healthy disrespect for worldliness?

5. Does Julian take things too far when he suggests that each generation should be able to stand on its own two feet rather than relying on ongoing handouts or an inheritance from parents?

6. If you plan to leave your children an inheritance of money or assets what practical steps can you take to ensure that you ‘pass on your values before your valuables’?

7. To Do List: _____

* To be completed after reading chapters 40 & 41 of *HELP! I've Been Blessed!* by Julian Archer.

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