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FAITH, FAMILY, FUTURE: PASS IT ON

Psalm 78:1-8

Who is to pass it on? Ps. 78:1-3

- **Parents**. Ps. 78:3-4; Deut. 4:9; 6:6-9; 11:18-19; 2 Tim. 1:5; Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 3:15; Eph. 6:1-4; Judg. 2:10
- **Grandparents**. Ps. 78:2; 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15; Ex. 34:7; Deut. 4:9; 6:2
- **Community** of faith. Ps. 78:1, 3; 1 Cor. 12:26-27; Deut. 6:4-9

What are we to pass on? Ps. 78:4-8

- What we are **not** to pass on. Ps. 78:8
 - I will do it **my** way. Ps. 78:8; Ex. 17:1-7; 32:9; Deut. 9:7, 24; Is. 1:23; 30:1; 65:2
 - I know my **heart** is not right, but . . . Ps. 78:8; 137:50-61; Matt. 15:7-8; Is. 29:13
 - I will be faithful to **myself**. Ps. 78:8, 22, 37; Num. 13:1-33; 14:39-45
- What we are to **pass** on. Ps. 78:4-7
 - Teach them about the **greatness** of God. Ps. 78:4; 145:3-5; Gen. 1:1; Ps. 78:13-16; 139:1-23
 - Teach them the **Word** of God. Ps. 78:5-6; Deut. 4:9; 6:4-9; John 8:32-34; Prov. 22:6; Deut. 11:18-19
 - Teach them to **trust** God. Ps. 78:7; Josh. 4:20-24; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Prov. 3:5-6; John 1:12; Deut. 8:4; 29:5
 - Teach them to **obey** God. Ps. 78:7; Ex. 20:1-17; Matt. 5-7; 1 Thess. 5:11-15; Eph. 5:18-6:4; 4:29

Application.

- **Pray.**
- **Practice.**
- **Persevere.**

Community of Faith

Parents need motivation to persevere year in and year out.

Parents need encouragement when everything seems to go wrong.

Parents need relief from time to time from the strain of parenting.

Parents need help in boiling down the Book of God into essential, transferable, age-appropriate portions.

Parents need community reinforcement of truth and moral standards.

Parents need solutions to tough problems raised by children.

Parents need camaraderie for the sharing of accumulated wisdom.

Parents need correction when others can see that something is wrong and they can't.

Parents need prayer because, in the end, God is the great Teacher.