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*To Father God
who has no grandchildren, only children
and
with fond remembrances of our grandparents*

Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 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 Tim. 3:14-15

Author's Note:

I, Dennis, am the main writer of this book. I have asked my wife to take some time from her busy schedule to help in the writing. When you read "we," or "Kit and I," understand that my wife and I are speaking in concert. When you read "I," then I am speaking for myself. And then, of course, when you read, "I, Kit," know that she is expressing her own conviction, wisdom, and opinions.

I have gleaned much from others in preparing this book, from notable sources and from "just folks" who have impressed me with their thoughts and actions as grandparents.

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INTRODUCTION

A BLESSING AND A CHALLENGE

THE IDEA FOR THIS BOOK came with the birth of our first grandchild, a long-awaited event. On July 4, 2003 my daughter Wendy and her husband, Rob, became the proud parents of 8 lbs 4 oz. Randall James Wood in a blessed but bumpy landing.

After our daughter spent two days “pushing,” the doctor determined that baby Randy would have to be born cesarean section. And because he spent a long time in the birth canal the new baby ended up with a punctured lung. He recovered soon after, praise God, and today is a very active and healthy boy. My daughter, because of that experience, developed a case of postpartum depression that required much attention for a short time. (She is also fine today.)

During the first few months of this blessed but stressful time, the new grandma and grandpa were often called for help. We felt happy and yet exhausted (especially Grandma, who spent sleepless nights looking after the new mother and child). This experience influenced some major decisions in our lives.

First, we decided to move back to the town where our daughter and son-in-law live. We had lived in that place previously but because of work and ministry had moved on. This move back would constitute a huge change in our lives.

Second, we decided to become as involved in our grandson’s life as possible. In some ways we saw this as a throwback to earlier eras when society was not so mobile as it is today, and relatives lived close together for generations. While today many

grandparents and grandchildren live farther apart, we chose to be close to our grandchild. We recognize that it is not possible for everyone and that someday it may not be possible for us. I had wonderful grandparents who lived out of town. I had a great relationship with them even though I didn't see them daily. I remember them with great fondness and I believe their involvement in my life has much to do with who I am today. I can only imagine how much they might have helped and influenced me if they had lived closer.

Psychologists describe the Nature Theory and the Nurture Theory. Simply put, these theories or concepts consider the effects of nature and nurture on the child. The Nature Theory considers the person at birth to be pretty much who he is going to be. Genetics, heredity and such have determined his characteristics. In contrast, the Nurture Theory says that the people in his life, as well as his environment, locale, and upbringing, both positive and negative, heavily affect his personality. Both theories have substance; and these days most professionals believe a child is affected by both nature and nurture to about the same degree. If that is the case, then the amount of influence a regularly present grandparent has on a child is considerable.¹

Third, and most important, we decided that we bear a responsibility to be there for Randy to point the way to Jesus. Paul writes in 2 Timothy 1:5: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." Paul recognizes that Timothy was influenced by his mother and grandmother. We know that this little boy will grow to become a man and face the same decision every person has to make—that is, whether to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; and it is a decision he will make on his own. However, like Timothy's Grandma Lois we can try to be shining examples of life with the Lord at the center of one's being.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO GRANDPARENTS

The terms “grandmother,” and “grandfather” are found only a few times in the Bible. However, the Bible was written in the days of agrarian multigenerational living styles, when grandparents played a major role in the family.

A term used more often in the Bible is “elder,” which describes a person of mature years with a position of service in the church. Because our Christian experience affects all aspects of life, the requirements and characteristics of an elder fall easily into a framework for our conduct as godly grandparents.

We gleaned the following list of attributes of elders from Titus 1:6-9, 1 Peter 5:1-3, and James 5:14-15. We have chosen the words in bold as chapter headings for this book. As grandparents who seek the Bible’s wisdom to conduct our lives before our grandchildren, we will consider these attributes with the ultimate goal of teaching and showing the love and discipline of believers in Christ Jesus. To this end, an elder, or grandparent should:

- be **blameless**, have integrity
- be sexually pure and **moral**
- be **compassionate**, putting others first
- be **sober**-minded in consumption and conduct
- be **peaceable**, hospitable, a lover of goodness
- be **wise**, upright, devout and self-**disciplined**
- be a **faithful witness** who knows the Scriptures
- be a **leader** of God’s flock
- be **humble** toward those entrust to you
- be **generous** and eager to serve
- be a person of **prayer**

1. Smith, Nolen-Hoeksema, Fredrickson and Loftus: *Atkinson & Hilgard’s Introduction to Psychology* (Wadsworth, 2003)

CHAPTER ONE

BLAMELESS

“Dear friends, I urge you as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits” (1 Pet. 2:11-12).

W E WANT TO LIVE a life in front of our grandchildren that is above reproach. We are not perfect, we make mistakes frequently. I was hoping by the time I got to the age that I am I would have figured it all out, but instead I find there is still much to learn. Nonetheless, we want to live as blameless a life before God as possible.

As Christian believers we are watched by others. They watch what we do, what we don't do, to see if we make mistakes or have moral lapses. How important it is that we live with integrity before the world. And how much more important it is that we live with integrity in front of our grandchildren. We want to have the respect of our children and grandchildren. In order for us to receive honor from our kids we need to deserve it, and that means living a life that demonstrates integrity. Godly integrity comes from knowing Christ and being obedient to him in all things, without compromise.

When our grandson was a two-year-old he was a parrot. Whatever we did, he would try to copy us. It was cute and we got a big charge out of it, yet it was sobering, too. Our responsibility before him is to do our best to act and speak in

a manner that would be pleasing to God. That doesn't mean we can't have fun, be lighthearted and enjoy the goofy side of life, but it is a reminder to us that our grandchildren are watching. They, much like parrots, will imitate what they see. If grandparents are held as special people in their eyes, then they will want to emulate us, whether our behavior is good or bad.

SETTING A STANDARD

We, like many grandparents today, belong to the Baby Boomer generation, or that group of people born after 1945 and the end of World War II, the largest generation of Americans in this nation's history.

We Baby Boomers grew up in a time when the Christian influence was still strong in America. Most people attended or were affiliated with a church. Most married couples stayed together through thick and thin and rarely considered divorce. Drug problems were confined to small populations of people in a few big cities. Decency ruled the airwaves. How do we compare Homer Simpson to Ward Cleaver?

The traditional nuclear family was the norm of the day. Many of us grew up in homes that looked like "Leave it to Beaver" or "The Donna Reed Show." It is amazing to think that in less than fifty years, we as a society have entered a largely secular era that is not governed by the rules and ways of the Judeo-Christian heritage upon which our nation was founded. The moral fabric of this land has been punctured with rampant promiscuity, abortion, homosexuality, violence, neo-paganism, and more. We don't need to tell you this; we all face it every day. And we don't have to tell you how much life has changed. But the life our children's generation now see as normal would have horrified our grandparents.

While it may be hard for us to accept responsibility, the Baby Boomer generation is largely responsible for the greatest

moral and sociological downswing in our society's history. Today's generations tend to view former days as something very antiquated. I remember thinking such things of my grandparents—their clothing styles and music were old-fashioned and out of date. But moral and political views were pretty much in line between generations until the 1960s. The generations after us, my children and my grandchildren, find us antiquated, not so much in fashion and musical tastes, but in lifestyles and morals. That is a distinct difference from generations gone by.

We work with and minister to children and youth—Christian and non-Christian alike. And as nice as most of these kids are, we are a little frightened for them because their philosophy of life is based much upon the neo-paganism in the media and pop culture. And you don't need us to tell you that much of media and culture today would have, a half-century ago, seemed immoral, unlawful, and downright obscene.

One of the most surprising experiences I have had was in a discussion with some young Christian teens who admitted listening to the musical obscenities of "Eminem," while also enjoying such Christian bands as "DC Talk," "Audio Adrenaline," and "The News Boys."

"Don't Eminem's words and ideas offend you?" I asked.

"We ignore them, we just like the music," they answered.

It would be easy to blame these high-school kids for their lapse in moral judgment. But I believe it is we, the Baby Boomer generation, who are to blame. The parents of our grandchildren are to blame as well, but let me ask: who are their teachers and examples? The lawless society we live in is our own fault, for we have not set a standard of moral acceptability and decency.

Another example that brings this whole thought home occurred when I, with some other adults, took a large group of high-school students to the Ashland (Oregon) Shakespeare Festival to see a revival of the old play and Marx Brothers film,

“Room Service.” This is old screwball comedy, written in the 1930s, and very funny. It was written in a time when vulgarity wasn’t considered necessary to make things funny.

In the adaptation of the play we attended, one character continued to get angrier and angrier. This character, as he became more angry would shout at the top of his lungs, “Goddammit!” And the audience would roar with laughter. Throughout the play other characters would do the same, and this became an ongoing joke. This wording was not in the original play and would not have been allowed on the stage or screen in the days when it was written, produced and filmed. It would have been considered morally reprehensible and not fit for public consumption.

I was embarrassed and wished to leave as this “G. D. ...” running gag went on and on. I reasoned to myself that I stayed for the sake of the kids; but did I?

The next week we adult chaperones met and talked about the experience for the teens at this theater. One person, a non-Christian, mentioned that she thought the “G. D. ...” bit was funny; everybody else in the room, including Christians, also thought it was funny—except me.

I spoke up, explaining that this was not in the original script, and that I thought it was inappropriate and cheap; that we set a poor example to these teens by putting up with it and even laughing at it. My comments were greeted with silence and some looks of contempt.

The next week I talked with my group of teens and apologized to them for what had taken place in that play. I explained the history of the play and how those lines were never in the original script and how it was a cheap and vulgar way to get laughs. I also apologized for not being brave enough to take them out of the play about the second time the gag was done. Regardless of what my co-workers had said, I needed to do the right thing and act with integrity.

I share these two stories with you to demonstrate that in our roles as Christian grandparents, trying to share a biblical point of view, we must set a standard in a world that seems to have no standards. It is hard, but probably no harder than Daniel living in Babylon and being willing to set a standard of righteousness regardless of the results.

Jesus tells us clearly that we are to be salt and light:

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:13-16).

This is a clarion call to grandparents. If we are to be the salt which seasons and preserves, then our talk must always be seasoned with the words and things of God and what he has done. We are to share his blessings and his truths and to do it in an applicable way. We are to stay transparent before his light so that his light shines through us. We should want and seek at all times to “shine Jesus.” We do this to point the way to Christ as the standard with the hope that our precious grandchildren will find him; so not only will we enjoy God forever in heaven, but our children and grandchildren will as well.

Paul instructs us, “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them” (Eph. 5:11). As you utilize sensibility and discretion, point to and praise godliness and goodness; expose sin, evil and he that is behind it all, for what they are and for the danger of them.

I think about that discussion with my co-workers concerning

the play, “Room Service,” and how I have not endeared myself to them. But I know this, that I did the right thing by bringing it up; and I also know I could have done even better by walking out at the time, for the sake of the teens in my charge. It’s not always comfortable to keep a godly standard, but it is always the right thing to do and God will honor it.

So we believe it is doubly important to act in matters of integrity in front of our grandchildren, not just because we will be held accountable for it but because of love. We will act in integrity both for the sake of the God who saved us and whom we serve, and also because of the love we have for our children and grandchildren.

APPLICABLE INTEGRITY

“It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possessions of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the Lord our God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” (Deut. 9:5).

God will honor you when you choose to be a person of good integrity. God can’t stand evil; the Bible is full of examples of how he deals with it even in the harshest manner, as he did with the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The children of Israel didn’t get to go to the Promised Land because they were so much better than others; they went because God chose to honor them and use them as tools to rid the world of evil peoples.

When we choose to do the right thing, teach the right thing, and demonstrate righteousness before others, then God himself is our strong ally; He carries us through and honors us, and defeats the enemy along the way.

Living in integrity often requires going against the norm and perhaps being unpopular for a while; but God will bless you when you choose to do the right thing.

Think of integrity as a gift we give to God, just as we give our time, talents and treasures. God tests our heart and he is pleased with our integrity (I Chron. 29:17). Regardless of how anyone feels about it, your standing against evil pleases God.

HANANI, A HERO OF INTEGRITY

There is a little-known hero in the time of the rebuilding of Jerusalem, a man by the name of Hanani. We only know what his brother, Nehemiah, says of him: “I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most men do” (Neh. 7:2).

We learn two important lessons from this man: 1) he was elevated to an important position because of his integrity, and 2) true integrity is described and defined as having a healthy fear and awe of God in daily practice. Hanani was the mayor or governor of Jerusalem at a critical time; it was because of his integrity that the nation escaped evil Babylon. When we stand in and for integrity, perhaps we help others, most notably our offspring and theirs, to escape from evil.

GRANDPA JOB

There is no finer example of integrity under pressure than that of the longsuffering Job. Many consider the book of Job to be the oldest book in the Bible. It may be the oldest original book ever. Countless millions over the ages have read this book. We consider the story of Job to be a true story. This book tells us much about God, man, and the joys and struggles of life. Job becomes a hapless hero of faith when numerous and overwhelming tragedies befall him. Job suffers much but through it all maintains incredible integrity to do and be right in the sight of God. The prophet Ezekiel cites Job as one of the three most righteous men who ever lived, along with Noah and Daniel (Ez. 14:14).

As you may recall, Satan was allowed to torment the righteous Job to incredible lengths that most of us could not imagine or bear. Scripture indicates that he was a wealthy man who had a wife, seven sons and three daughters, plus many servants.

One day he lost all his animals, which were either carried off by marauders or struck by fire from the sky. The thieves not only stole his livestock but also killed all the menservants tending them. Only one got away to tell Job what had happened. Then immediately after that, Job received news that all of his sons and daughters had been killed in a freak windstorm that collapsed the house in which they were gathered.

The distraught Job tore his robe and shaved his head, a sign of mourning. But read what the Scripture says he did next:

“Then he fell to the ground in worship and said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, may the name of the Lord be praised.’ In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing” (Job 1:20-22).

Did you get this? Job fell to the ground in worship—he didn’t accuse God of doing something wrong! He accepted what most of us would have had a hard struggle with. He did this because he was not only a man of faith, but also of integrity, who stood tall in the slump of his great sorrow.

Satan, however, was not finished with Job. That horrid day came and went and another one dawned and things did not get better, only worse: “So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head” (Job 2:7-8). Some believe that this disease the devil inflicted upon Job was anthrax. All poor Job could do was sit in the dust and scrape the terrible boils with bits of broken pots.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Job's wife came to him. She should have been supportive; however, I am sure that she too was consumed with grief. She then stated the following, which was an indictment against Job, but was also another reason why he can be hailed as a hero: "His wife said to him, 'Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!'" (Job 2:9).

Job had lost everything: his wealth, his children, and his health; and, I suppose, even the bond between him and his wife. Yet, Job still held on to his integrity. He replied:

"You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all of this, Job did not sin in what he said" (Job 2:10).

James, the half brother of Jesus, praises Job for his perseverance and steadfastness (James 5:10-11). Integrity is not about doing the right thing once or even many times, but doing it at all times no matter what the circumstances or era that we live in. What is right is always right, in season and out.

I am astounded by the integrity of Job in the light of his extreme suffering. If you have not read his words, you would do well to do so.

Then, as if things were not bad enough for Job, some fair-weather friends came to talk with him. They were accusatory.

"What did you do wrong, Job? How did you sin?" they asked.

Job was steadfast in two important areas: he maintained his innocence, stating that his life record stood for itself. More importantly, in the midst of extreme suffering when it would have been easy to blame God, he did not. Yes, he complained bitterly, he saw injustice go unpunished; he questioned his understanding of God; but never once did he state that God had made a mistake or sinned in his action toward Job. How many of us could stand such a test? I shudder to think about it.

As I read through Job's words I am struck with his knowledge of God. He must have been a great observer of creation and seen the rule and way of God in it. This was a man highly attuned to the things of God; his words speak eloquently of this.

Job withstands the onslaught because of his great integrity. Hear his words and when you think about living in integrity, take Job's example to heart:

“My feet have closely followed his steps; I have kept to his way without turning aside. I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread” (Job 23:11-12).

Perhaps integrity can best be defined as:

- a close walk with God, always on the Lord's path
- always seeking to keep his commands, no matter what is happening
- seeking God and his ways as the most desired treasure
- always being ready to share about God without doubt about his character

You know how the story turns out: Job is restored and he is blessed beyond measure. And in an indictment against Job's friends, God himself says of Job that he always spoke of God correctly. Wow, that we would always speak of God correctly!

Job was blessed with seven more children and was allowed to live to see his grandchildren and his great grandchildren. Some have wondered how this blessing could ever make up for the loss of his first set of children, and that is a fair question. But it is not a question that can be answered, except by Job himself. Perhaps the next set of children were of better character. The

daughters were of such striking beauty and character that they received an equal portion of Job's inheritance along with their brothers, something nearly unheard of in ancient days.

Job was blessed doubly and continued to live in integrity. Because of his integrity and his belief in a sinless and perfect God, he lived out his long years in vigor. He lived a very different life from one who experiences self-induced pain and suffering caused by a lack of integrity.

THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

There is no clearer example of integrity than the one demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing would deter him from doing what he set out to do for us and for the purposes of God the Father. Often in his speaking, Jesus would include in his discourse the words, "I tell you the truth." Anybody can say that, but the reality is his life proved it 100%.

TEACHING INTEGRITY

One of the finest principles we can teach our grandchildren is practical, everyday integrity. We can also continue to teach our grown children. You may find that your own children are much more open to learning from you now than they were when they were younger. I'm reminded of Mark Twain's comments when he said he was amazed at how stupid his parents were when he was a teenager and then at how smart they had become when he returned after a few years.

From the book, *Integrity*, by Ted W. Engstrom and Robert C. Larson, I have gleaned these Integrity Action Plans that will help you teach integrity to the generations under your influence:

1. Be sure to see the good in them and praise them for it.
2. When you make a promise, keep it.
3. Always be putting the Scriptures in your heart; to be a good

- teacher you must also be a good student. Strive toward godliness until you arrive at your heavenly home with Jesus.
4. Spend your money with the vision of the good it can do.
 5. Be aware and careful of the “way that seems right” (Prov. 14:12). We are not to lean upon our own understanding. (To this day, I am amazed at how I can still make a decision that at the moment seems right but later proves to be wrong.)
 6. Look for and point out good examples in others. Take heart from the successes of godly people who have gone before you.
 7. Live your life as a tribute to God, your spouse, your kids, your community and your nation. Remember that we are the children of Light, so keep on shining. This drives away the dark.
 8. Lean on the Lord as you stand on your own two feet.
 9. Recognize that others will stumble, but be there to help lift them back up.
 10. Put on the whole armor of God daily.
 11. Give of your best in the worst of times. Be prepared to stake your life on what you believe. Stand up for your convictions no matter what.
 12. Look up to those beneath you. The Bible tells us that we are to see all people as better than ourselves.
 13. Be wary of any so-called “hero” that doesn’t emulate the characteristics of him who sits at the right hand of God. Look into and share the stories of the men and women from the Bible to illustrate how compromise leads to problems. Today’s generation is likely to know more about the latest Hollywood or pop star than Moses, Daniel, David, Peter and Paul.
 14. Always do to others as you would have them do to you. Respect and teach respect for all people groups on earth, realizing that whether they are red, yellow, brown, black or white they are precious in his sight.
 15. Develop a good habit of breaking bad habits. You’re not too old or too set in your ways to learn the new and be rid the old.¹

A GRAND-PARENTING STORY

Over the years we have witnessed grandparents moving into the role of the immediate parent figure, for a number of reasons. And we have had the opportunity to see the influence of those godly grandparents on the grandchild.

There was one such grandmother and granddaughter duo that we remember fondly. The grandmother could be described as one of the saints and pillars of the church. She was one of those ladies who is always there for Sunday services plus most all other services, and is usually serving rather than sitting and warming a pew. More than likely you know a lady like this.

Since the granddaughter was a little girl it had been Grandma's blessed task to make sure that she got to church and any other church function that was appropriate, from children's groups, church-sponsored scouts, on to teen groups, Christmas plays, choirs, and outings.

Not only did she make a point of bringing the girl to these events, she also made sure that she was dressed properly for the occasion, even through the teen years when what an adolescent thinks is proper dress and makeup is often different from what a grandparent thinks is proper.

Grandma did this because her granddaughter's parents had divorced and their work situations made it difficult for them to get her to church. Grandma was resolute that her grandchild needed church, because she was aware of the other influences upon this child the rest of the week.

From very early on she involved her granddaughter in the service of ministry. I remember this young lady becoming a very able and valued youth worker after many years of Sunday school classes and Vacation Bible Schools. Grandma also involved her in social-service projects organized by the church: food drives, Christmas baskets, visits to the elderly. Grandma believed that she was responsible for discipling her granddaughter.

I remember many a Bible drill in Sunday school classes and activities with the kids. This trained girl was usually the one who could answer the questions first and best. She knew the Bible because Grandma made sure she did.

I saw Grandma do this with acts of integrity, compassion, love and sacrifice. She was authoritative in her ways rather than authoritarian, so the church experience for her grandchild was mostly pleasant and positive. Even though the granddaughter is now grown, Grandma still finds time to continue to instill godly integrity in her. The faithfulness of God and Grandma will pay off for a lifetime in this young woman's life.

IN REVIEW

- Integrity means to always do what is right and honest in the sight of the Lord regardless of your situation, circumstances, or the immediate results.
- Integrity is the setting of a standard where there may be no standard. Integrity is then that standard raised above us for all to see and for others to follow.
- God is pleased with our integrity and because he is, he blesses our effort.
- Hanani was a man of integrity who feared God more than most men do.
- Job, regardless of the severity of the test, held on to an integrity that came from the life-long experience of a godly man.
- Godly integrity can be defined as having a close walk with God, always on the Lord's path, always seeking to keep his commands, seeking fellowship with the Holy Spirit as the most desired treasure, and always being ready to share Christ.
- Develop an "integrity action plan" that you practice daily, that will be seen by others. Teach it to your

grown children and your grandchildren.

- Saintly grandparents make a world of difference in the life of a grandchild when self-sacrifice is looked at as a blessing and God-given responsibility.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES ON INTEGRITY

The Lord speaking to Solomon: “As for you, if you walk before me in integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father” (1 Kings 9:4-5).

“In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned” (Titus 2:7).

WHAT OTHERS SAY

“Honesty is one of the ‘core values,’ the real stuff of integrity and personal maturity. Like other values, it cannot be laid on a child like a coat of paint. Instead, it grows like grain in wood—part of the total development. ... Our task is to guide our children toward a strong conscience, a commitment to truth, and the ability to think for themselves. ... and motivate him or her to live up to it when faced with the genuinely tough choices of life.” ~ Paul Lewis

1. Engstrom and Larson: *Integrity* (Word Books, 1987)

2. Paul Lewis: *40 Ways to Teach Your Child Values* (Tyndale, 1985)