

Remember how once we would sit down as one,
And dad would say grace when the carving was done:
Our own serviettes from our own special rings,
And we knew our manners and etiquette things.
Then our elders would tell us of God who is able,
When we all sat around our small kitchen table.



Now they're building new mansions with four-car garages,
Our working lives mortgaged to interest and charges:
There's less time at home for tea to be made,
And it's seldom today that a table is laid.
There's room after room under roof and the gable,
But there's not enough room for a kitchen table.



At weekends the parents are chauffeurs unpaid,
No wonder they're tired and their tempers are frayed,
As they ferry their broods to arenas of sport,
Where the culture of winning's intensively taught,
And there's more on the telly both free and by cable,
So there's no time to talk around the kitchen table.



Karl Marx called religion the drug of the people,
But there's scant regard now for the church or the steeple:
Just give 'em more sport and don't let them think,
And keep them away from the kitchen sink.
We'll give 'em more sport and the culture of Babel:
The throwaway culture that threw out the table.



With the culture of Coke and their baseball caps,
There'll soon be no fellers, no blokes and no chaps:
When they all dress the same then it'll be no surprise
That the birds swear as much and as foul as the guys.
So we grandparents must, just as long as we're able,
Keep our loving alive around the kitchen table.



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CENTRAL MOUNTAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

The Kitchen Table

There are lots of things wrong with Australia today,
And I'd like to have something to say if I may.
You know that, forsooth, that our problem with youth,
Untidy, ill-mannered, untamed and uncouth,
Is the fact that their homelife is so often unstable,
And it's all for the lack of a kitchen table.





Our Home Grandparents

Psalm 128 states 3 ways that fearing God will impact on life:



1. _____, verses 1-2, 4
(1 Timothy 6:17-19) "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. {18} Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, {19} storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

2. _____; verses 5-6
(Colossians 3:16-17) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. {17} And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."



3. _____, verses 3, 6
The verses on grand-parenting fall into two groups:

◆ _____ for God, now
_____ has generational consequences

(Exodus 34:6-7) "And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, {7} "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.""

(2 Kings 17:26) "So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations whom you have removed and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the rituals of the God of the land; therefore He has sent lions among them, and indeed, they are killing them because they do not know the rituals of the God of the land.""

(2 Kings 17:41) "So these nations feared the LORD, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children's children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day."

_____ has generational consequences
(Psalms 103:17) "But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,"

(Proverbs 13:22) "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous."

(Proverbs 17:6) "Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father."

(Proverbs 17:6) Grandparents are proud of their grandchildren, and children should be proud of their parents. [paraphrase]

(2 Timothy 1:5) "when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."

◆ _____ of God, now
_____ stories

(Exodus 10:1-2) "Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, {2} "and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD.""

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(Deuteronomy 4:9) ""Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,"



Suckers from an olive tree

