

Grandparents' Advice to their Grandchildren



Have you heard it said?

GOOD MANNERS DON'T COST ANYTHING.

DREAM BIGGER THAN YOU THINK IS POSSIBLE.

TREAT OTHERS LIKE YOU WANT TO BE TREATED.

My Fellow presenters and honorable judges.

One common thing with grandparents is that they all like to pass on advice and wisdom to their grandchildren.

In a recent survey of 2000 adults, almost all those surveyed said that they received good advice from their grandparents and almost all said that the advice made an impact on their lives.

So what type of advice do grandparents pass on to their grandchildren?

Well, it generally falls into a few common categories.

Let's start with the category of SCHOOLING and LEARNING:

Have you heard grandparents say?

Always do your very best in school. Go to school well rested, well fed, well dressed, eager and ready to learn. That's why you hear Nonno say, what did you learn and do at school today?

Or have you heard: Read and write something every day and speak in public as often as you can. These skills will help you to develop your own voice and your own message about what is important to you and will prepare you for a successful future.

A second Category is the importance of FAMILY.

Have you heard the expression, Friends may come and Friends may go but family will stay with you forever. Or Friends can be replaced but you can't replace a family member. How about, blood is thicker than water. Or the one that your Nana likes: you don't love one child more than the other. You just love each differently. In the end it will end up all Equal.

Then there are the Categories are Friendships and Relationships:

Have you heard choose your friends carefully? Know the difference between good friends and bad friends. Good friends don't want to change anything about you and are very supportive of you especially when you are down and in need. Bad friends try to get you to say and do bad things. Avoid those people.

Have you heard, model being a good friend? If you can't say something nice about someone don't say anything at all. Don't be judgmental or spread rumors or gossip. Be friendly with everyone especially those that don't seem to have many friends.

On Relationships: have you heard things like: Always greet someone with a smile on your face. Be a good listener. Look at people in the eye and speak loudly, clearly and enthusiastically when talking to them. You know what Nonno says. Smile with your eyes. Or kill them with kindness.

Remember that each day is a practice day to get better with these skills. Just as in sports what you practice is what you do.

Also remember that people are forming opinions about you every day by what you say, do or even look like.

So always act well, speak well and dress well when in public and you'll make the right impression.

Have you heard? Do you know who you are and what makes you different from everyone else. You are unique and special and you should never want to be or look like anybody else.

Just work at becoming a better person and making others around you better. You will be a good influence on others and you will be very happy with yourself.

Now, grandparents have a lot to say about playing sports and being involved in activities like sports, chess, swimming or music. They also have a lot of advice for their grandchildren as they get older.

But there is so much to say about these topics that we will need to leave that for another oral.

And so grandparents, including yours, will continue to provide advice and pass on their wisdom.

But, one thing is for sure. When the grandchildren are successful and outstanding individuals, grandparents are proud of them, are glad that their grandchildren followed

their advice and are the first to take the credit for their grandchildren success.

But if the grandchildren do not do well then Grandparents will probably say that their grandchildren didn't listen or it's the parents fault.



And Little Joey is next to hear this advice.

Thank You.