

Cultivating **a Good Family Heritage**



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To Gabriel, Natalie, Oliver, Joel, and Stefan
“Grandchildren are the crown of the aged.”

Proverbs 17:6

Endorsements

Here is a wealth of practical, common sense counsel for parents which, most important of all, is built upon the riches of biblical wisdom. In this little book, the authors share their decades of personal experience as parents, grandparents, and biblical counselors with other Christian parents who want to leave their children something infinitely more important than a material inheritance. *Cultivating a Good Family Heritage* is a large gift of encouragement and instruction wrapped in a small package.

Paul Tautges, Author; Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Community Church, Mayfield Heights, Ohio;
Founder, *Counseling One Another*

What a great idea for a book in our perilous times! Armand and Kathy not only have a great idea for a book, but they have delivered an excellent resource with biblical wisdom and practical ways to grow a family God's way, and for His glory. Any modern family will benefit from putting into practice the simple, clear examples of cultivating a family. It is not difficult to do, but requires a change in philosophy and priority that is based in sound theology. It is never too late for any family to implement the strategies discovered in this indispensable resource.

Mark E. Shaw, D. Min. , Founder of The Addiction Connection (www.theaddictionconnection.org),
Director of Counseling at Grace Fellowship Church in Florence, KY, and author of 23 publications including *Addiction-Proof Parenting* and *The Heart of Addiction*

Armand and Kathy Tiffe have written a Scripture saturated book on the family. This book resonated with me on so many levels! It is the resource I wished for when I was raising a family. I highly endorse this book, and plan to make it required reading for the students in our parenting module.

Dr. Julie Ganschow, Author, *The Process of Biblical Change and Seeing Depression Through the Eyes of Grace*

This book is short, but it packs a punch. Page after page has encouraged us and spurred us on as parents of two young children. It's full of practical ideas on how to have a happy, God-honoring home. Put down your phones and grab this book. You won't regret it, and it will leave you wanting more!

Sean and Jennifer Perron, Pastor and wife counselors with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors. Sean is the co-author of three books in the *Letters to a Romantic* series.

Armand and Kathy Tiffe have put together a marvelous book on parenting that is markedly different from many in the current Christian marketplace. They give the “big picture” of the kind of legacy God wants parents to pass on to their children, and the “details” with many suggestions and ideas to help parents work toward that goal and love the process! This book is worth adding to your must-read pile.

Joe Propri, Founding Director of the Biblical Counseling Institute of Northeast Ohio; author of *The Peace and Joy Principle: How to Be Content in Any Situation*

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Introduction

The year was 1983. We were blissfully married for about 18 months when the phone rang in the early hours of the morning that woke us out of a sound sleep. Kathy's younger sister, Mary, was on the other end and spoke words that rocked our world — "Mom stopped breathing." At the young age of 50, Kathy's mother died of melanoma. Seven months later, her 51-year-old father would also die of pancreatic cancer. It was a life-altering year.

Following that difficult year, I (Kathy) was sifting through family photos, and I began to reflect upon family memories and the kind of heritage that was passed on to me. I thought of the good and the bad, the positive and negative. And even though Armand and I did not have children of our own at that time, we began to talk about the kind of heritage we would want to pass on should God bless us with children.

Well, He did! A year later, our first child, Anna, was born, and 15 months following our son, Armand, was born. It was a joyful time! And, once again, those thoughts of cultivating a good family heritage for our children began to resurface. As a young dad and mom, we found ourselves in a position of wanting to give our children a rich legacy consisting of close family ties, cherished memories, and biblical values.

That was our desire and something we discussed often, but struggled with questions such as, "Where would we begin? Is it possible even if we did not have the 'perfect home life' model to follow?" And, most importantly, "What would this look like in day-to-day living?"

Cultivating a Good Family Heritage is our attempt to answer these questions by giving practical ideas for everyday family life. It is our prayer that this book will be helpful to parents from any background or upbringing, and encourage parents that cultivating a good family heritage is attainable.