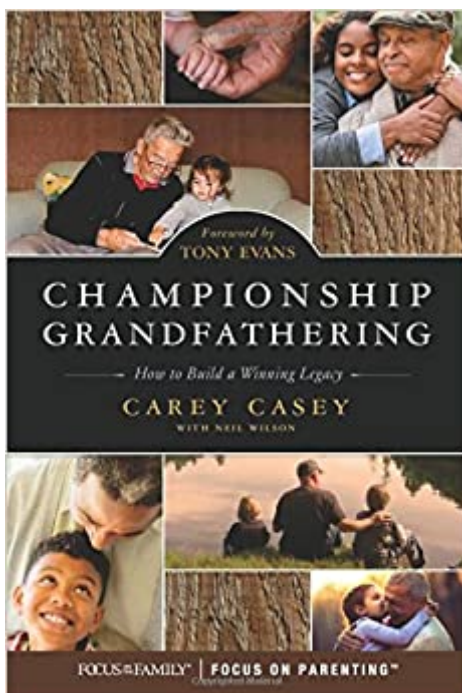


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# Championship Grandfathering: How To Build A Winning Legacy



## Synopsis

What's so important about being a grandfather? Everything! Don't make the mistake of thinking that you're not on the playing field anymore and that your championship days are over. As an elder of the family, you play a vital role in your grandchild's future. You will leave a legacy for that child and your family, but what will it be? And how do you make sure it's the best legacy possible? Carey Casey has a game plan. And you definitely need one, because building a winning legacy of love and godliness takes intentionality. Using a lifetime of heart-touching stories and research from the National Center for Fathering, this grandfather of nine and national expert on fathering takes you to the next level of influence in your family. Carey will teach you how to build a legacy through loving, coaching, and modeling. And remember: No matter what your family heritage has been, and no matter what mistakes you may have made as a father, it's never too late to redeem the past and build a new legacy. Applying this practical guide to your life will change your family for generations to come.

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## Customer Reviews

Gave it to my dad for Father's Day. He read it within a week and got some very good information from it. I would recommend for all men who are or soon will be a grandfather.

Great purchase of Grandmothers too!

On February 3, 1852, Henry David Thoreau wrote these words in his journal, "The forcible writer stands boldly behind his words with his experience. He does not make books out of books, but he has been there in person." That description readily applies to Championship Grandfathering, the new book from Carey Casey. Casey writes from the trenches of serving in the role of grandfather to nine grandchildren, and the wisdom he shares reflects that hands-on involvement. I fell well into my second year as "Grandpa" and the title of this book drew me in. I want to be a good grandfather, living and leaving an example for the little ones who follow. Casey warns often in his book that time has a way of speeding by and we need to be deliberate in embracing our role. He counsels, "When you're handed the ball called 'Grandpa,' don't drop it." Championship Grandfathering is an easy read sprinkled liberally with examples from Casey's life. The practical wisdom arrives in a conversational format, and I felt as though the author had his arm around my shoulders sharing rather than thumping through a sermon from a pulpit. While the book's appeal may be stronger for a believer in Jesus Christ and does contain helpful Scripture references, the advice in the book applies to all men who desire to be good at "grandpa-ing." Casey ends each chapter with a set of Action Steps to enable the application of the teaching. Among the items is one that resonated with this writer, the idea of creating a "dump the bucket list." Grandpas have adventures and experiences that may benefit or at least entertain the grandkids. Why not be deliberate in communicating those episodes through story-telling or print before the history is lost? Intertwined in the text is advice on helping and encouraging children as they learn the role of parenting. Casey teaches grandpas to observe the boundaries in assisting rather than controlling the parenting of the grandchildren, and he counsels us to open our storehouse of accumulated father power in a way that benefits all three generations. Father's Day is coming soon. Championship Grandfathering would be a great item to add to the gift list for the grandpas in your sphere. Note - Tyndale House Publishers provided a complimentary copy of Championship Grandfathering to facilitate my review.

Before our daughter was born, the hospital provided classes for new grandparents. It was a great way to update them on some things that had changed since they had their children. Other than that though, there really isn't a lot of guidance out there for grandparents. It's supposed to be the fun part of life and therefore intuitive. It's a shame really, because grandparents can have a tremendous impact on the lives of their grandchildren. They can shape a child's faith walk in ways that may be difficult for anyone other than a grandparent to accomplish. So, I was

excited to finally find a resource for grandpas (Sorry grandma, I'm still looking for one for you!). *Championship Grandfathering: How to Build a Winning Legacy* by Carey Casey is actually a sequel to the author's fathering book. Evidently Casey's call to both fathers and grandfathers is to leave a legacy of loving, coaching and modeling. Although, those could probably be a book alone, the author provides some foundational advice, too. I love that he spends quite a bit of time focusing on entering the world of your grandchildren and bringing them into your world. Sadly, many fathers and grandfathers have no idea how to enter a child's world or the immense positive impact it has on the child. One would think bringing your grandchild into your world would be a natural part of grand-parenting, but evidently it isn't for many grandparents. Sharing your hobbies reveals not only a part of your heart, but also creates treasured memories for your grandchild. My daughter will always remember making sticky buns with her great-grandmother each time we visited. I'm thankful Casey also took the time to address the issues of how to end a negative legacy and begin a more positive one. It is something that must be done with great intentionality if it is to happen. If not, the negative legacy will continue for many generations. You can choose what type of grandfather you want to be and that is perhaps the greatest gift the author gives many of his readers "the permission to change and be better." The author does a great job when he gets into his core principles. He gives lots of personal examples and practical tips as well as a few scriptures. Throughout the book each chapter closes with what he calls action steps. I love that he doesn't expect to remember key points from each chapter, but provides challenges to help readers actually live out those main points. While the book is obviously a Christian book and contains scripture references, I do wish the author had spent a little more time on the ways grandfathers can help grandchildren build a strong faith foundation. He touches on it here and there, but to me that is perhaps the greatest role of grandfather and many could use a lot more faith building tips. I think this book is a great resource for both experienced and new grandfathers. It should probably be given to any first time grandfather the moment they hear the joyous news. If you're a grandfather, I strongly encourage you to read it and see if you can't make an even greater positive impact on your grandkids. It's definitely worth the time and effort. This book was given to me in exchange for my honest review.

*Championship Grandfathering* by Carey Casey explores how grandpas can bond with grandchildren and pass along important pieces of family history. What I liked the most was the idea of encouraging a child's unique strengths. The world kids are brought up in is so competitive, with test results, competitive sports, that often times they don't get to explore and find something they are great at or

interested in outside of school or sports. What I was less interested in was the part of being an elder or gatekeeper. I don't think that's a grandfather's place. Share those stories and bits of wisdom, but don't prevent a child from making mistakes after providing the key information a kid needs in order to make an informed decision. I received a free copy of this book from the publisher.

It's so important that we see beyond just mom and dad when we consider what it takes to raise a child. We have lost much of the art of including the village in our parenting. This book is a step towards a more wholistic way of raising kids, and I believe more like God intended.

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