

THREE GENERATIONS OF FOLLOWING GOD

Joshua 24; Judges 2; Revelation 2-3

The Principle of the Three Generations

First generation God-followers tend to be hot for God.
 Second generation followers tend to be room temperature toward God.
 Third generation followers tend to be cool toward God.

1. The first generation of God followers committed themselves to God based on the wonders He had done in their lives.
 Joshua 24:16-17

2. The second generation of God followers also served the Lord, but with less fervency because they had not seen His works in their own lives. Judges 2:7

3. The third generation of God followers did not know the Lord or His works. Judges 2:10-13

Three Generations of God Followers

1ST GENERATION	2ND GENERATION	3RD GENERATION
<u>COMMITMENT</u>	COMPROMISE	CONFLICT
"Knew God and experienced His works"	"Knew God and knew about His works"	"Did not know God nor His works"
<u>1st hand</u> experience with God	2 nd hand experience with God	<u>No</u> experience with God
<u>Abraham</u>	Isaac	Jacob
David	<u>Solomon</u>	Rehoboam

1ST GENERATION	2ND GENERATION	3RD GENERATION
What does <u>God</u> think?	What do <u>others</u> think?	What do <u>I</u> think?
<u>Convictions</u> I know	Beliefs I <u>believe</u>	<u>Questions</u> I <u>doubt</u>
Right actions and attitudes	Right actions but often wrong attitudes	Wrong actions and wrong attitudes
<u>Fanatics</u>	Fear fanaticism	Call parents <u>hypocrites</u> or <u>naïve</u>
Usually Saved <u>after</u> the age of 13.	Usually Saved <u>before</u> the age of 13...	Usually Unsaved
Go to church to <u>meet God</u>	Go to church to <u>meet friends</u>	Don't <u>go</u>
Full of God	Trying to fill with other things	<u>Empty</u>
Spiritual	Carnal	Natural
Hot for God	Room Temperature	Cold toward God
Wholehearted	<u>Half</u> -hearted	No hearted

Three Questions:

1. Where do you sit?
2. How did it, does it or will it affect your children?
3. What should you do?

MOVING TO THE FIRST CHAIR

1. Repent or change and get on Fire.
 Revelation 2:5; 2:16; 3:3; 3:19
2. Pray for and with your Family.
3. Serve the Lord with your family.
4. Set an example for your family.
5. Allow your children to be in situations where they can see God work for themselves.
6. Memorialize your commitment.
 Joshua 24: 26-27