

Intergenerational Messages

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It is very important for teenagers, or young adults, to have relationships with elders. The young adults will learn about the past and how people were raised in the past. Many things were different in the past that the young adults might think were the same. They can learn how troublesome things can be when they get older.

An elderly person will enjoy talking to a young adult. They can teach the teenager life lessons and history. They can tell them about their past and their family. When a young adult has a connection with an elder they know how they want to be treated in the future when they get old. They then begin to respect and honor their elders.

Have you ever wondered about growing older? I have, and so do many other young people. We are young and naïve but yet so full of life, wanting to achieve more and more throughout our lives. We feel independent, as if we can do anything, sometimes acting as if we know it all. Going off in our own paths and living in the moment. We often are too busy to realize our actions might have damaging consequences in the future. This is where elderly people come into play; they often reminisce about the past and have learned from mistakes they once made. Many share their stories with anyone who will listen and give great advice for the growing adolescence. Their wisdom from their past reflects on the young person and the lives they lead. Older people prepare and fill the youth with knowledge, and understanding for the way things work. Elderly people are the key for maturing the young and readying the youth for the past, present, and future.

Connecting generations is important. Having relationships with someone much older than you is just as important as having a relationship with those your own age. Young adults should have older people to look up to. Likewise, older people need young adults to keep them active.

Older people provide younger generations with memories and stories of the past. They have gone through the same thing we are going through in our lives so they can give us real life advice. They have the experience we need with problems and can share it only if we connect with them and have relationships.

On the other hand, young adults are just as helpful to older people. They keep them young and active. Young people need to go visit older people because it will get them out and talking about their lives and memories.

This is why it is so important for different generations to interact and have relationships.

It is good to connect generations. Some reasons why can be so older people don't feel as lonely, and so we can understand each other better. Some old people think that their lives when they were kids were a lot worse than ours now. If we had a intergeneration relationship with them and discussed our lives maybe they'd realize that our lives are hard too. Us teenagers could get to know about what it is like to be old and we could get advice from them. Older people have been on the world a lot longer than we have so we need to respect them. Those are some reasons why intergenerational relationships are good!

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