

# Gifts That Turn Hearts

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“5 - Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

“6 - And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

-Malachi 4:5-6

“...family history builds bridges between the generations of our families. Bridges between generations are not built by accident... If I want my children and grandchildren to know those who still live in my memory, then I must build the bridge between them. I alone am the link to the generations that stand on either side of me. It is my responsibility to knit their hearts together through love and respect.”

-Dennis B Neuenschwander, *“Bridges and Eternal Keepsakes”*, April 1999

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**We can build bridges in our families by giving simple, meaningful, family history gifts.**

## Simple Reproductions

- Reproduce an existing book - be sure to check the copyright, always ask permission to copy even if a family member created it and gave you a copy.
- Reproduce a favorite photo, frame it, and give it as a gift.
- Reproduce an old journal - the BYU Family History Library has an overhead book scanner that is free to use and makes scanning a longer book so easy!
- Print a large fan chart - the BYU Family History Library can also help you with this. They print fan charts for a very reasonable price. Other print shops can often print fan charts as well.

## Games & Activities

- Card Games
- Bingo Games
- Activity Books
- Ancestor Cards

## Chatbooks

- You can link your Chatbooks account to your social media accounts and have books created and shipped to you automatically.
- You can also create books for special occasions.
- They offer a variety of bindings and book sizes.

## Family Calendars

## Memory Quilts

## Signature Pedigree

## Family Recipe Books

## Digitize Media

- Audio Recordings - interviews, funerals, reading stories, telling stories.
- Photos
- Slides
- Video
- Know your resources - where can you go to digitize these items yourself? What resource will best help with your specific project? A high-speed scanner, slide scanner, flatbed scanner, or a commercial digitizing service?

## Detailed Books

- Find an existing artifact, scan it, and create a book based on that artifact. Add other media to help enhance the reader's understanding of the artifact.
- Patriarchal Blessing Book - on [lds.org](https://www.lds.org), under the "My Account" tab in the upper right, look at the left column of the pop-up menu, also entitled "My Account", the bottom option is "Patriarchal Blessing". You can order copies of your own blessing, or of your ancestor's blessings. Please remember that these should not be shared outside your immediate family or posted anywhere online.

## Create Your Own Treasures!

- Take photos & upload them to FamilySearch.
- Record Memories on FamilySearch as audio files or written text.
- Write a personal history.
- Record videos with your children and grandchildren - share them and **BACK THEM UP!**
- Leave a DNA legacy by taking a DNA test or having your oldest living relatives take a DNA test. Be sure to give the username and password for that DNA account to a trusted relative so it can still be accessed after your passing.
- Make a special Temple date with your child or grandchild. Teach them about the person they will be baptized for. Go to lunch or get ice cream afterward and talk about your experience together. Create a new memory while serving your family on both sides of the veil. Be sure to take a photo or two!