Crown of Splendor

Interview Guide

Before Your Begin:

- Set up your interview ahead of time. You might say: I'm learning how important it is to listen to people who have lived a long life and have wisdom to share. The Bible says, "Gray hair is a crown of splendor" (Proverbs 16:31) and asks, "Is not wisdom found among the aged?" (Job 12:12). I would love to hear some of your stories and learn from you. Would you be willing to let me interview you?
- Give the person a copy of the questions ahead of time so they have time to think about their answers.
- You may also want to record the conversation so you can remember their stories for years to come. Be sure to ask permission first, and bring a phone, recorder, or tripod if needed.

During the Interview Remember to:

- Listen carefully without interrupting.
- Ask follow-up questions when you want to know more.
- Give the person plenty of time to think.
- Say thank you for the stories and wisdom they share.

After the Interview:

- Send a thank you note to the interviewee for their time and for sharing their wisdom.
- Record your thoughts:
  - What did I learn from this interview?

    _____

    _____

  - What was my favorite part?

    _____

    _____

Crown of Splendor

Interview Questions

Growing Up

1. What was your favorite thing to do as a child?
2. Who were some of the people you loved spending time with when you were young?
3. What is one of your happiest childhood memories?

Your Life Story

4. What are some of the most important moments in your life?
5. What kind of work have you done? What did you enjoy about it?
6. What is something difficult you went through, and what helped you through it?
7. What are you most proud of?

Wisdom & Life Lessons

8. What do you wish you had known when you were my age?
9. What is one of the most important lessons life has taught you?
10. What do you think makes a strong and loving family?
11. Who has influenced your life the most, and what did you learn from them?

Faith & Hope

12. What have you learned about God during your life?
13. How has your faith helped you during difficult times?
14. What have you learned about prayer?
15. What gives you hope?

Just for Fun

16. What always makes you laugh?
17. What is a favorite food, place, tradition, or activity that still brings you joy?
18. If you could go back and relive one day or season of your life, which would you choose?

Words to Remember

19. What advice would you give me for my life?
20. hat do you hope people remember about you?
21. What is something you hope my generation will always remember?

Thank you for sharing your stories and wisdom!