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General Collin Powell died recently, and I am thankful some of his sayings are being shared in the media. One of my favorites is roughly “Every child needs a laptop. Not a computer but the laptop of a mother, father, grandmother, aunt, or uncle to crawl up on and learn the lessons of the generations.” How true that is.

Years ago, I read an article which said, ‘The most important thing that changed human civilization was grandmothers.’ The article went on to say that when people began to settle down and lived longer, grandmothers assumed more of the childcare. This enabled parents to do more growing, gathering, and processing of food which led to longer lives and increased brain development. The caregiving grandmothers allowed for more playtime, exploration, and imagination. This led to more creative thinking.

These are interesting thoughts when we think about children and families. Today many grandparents live far from their children and grandchildren. Many children spend more time with their daycare workers than family. Aunts, uncles, and cousins are lucky if they see relatives at an annual family reunion. Jesus recognizes children and the Bible tells us he even put them on his lap. This would have been stunning in his day since children did not have a lot of value until they could work and contribute to the family.

Take some time today and thank God for the children in your family and if you can give them a warm bouncy laptop to sit on.