



1. When you think of the idea of leaving a legacy, what comes to your mind? Is a legacy always a good thing, or can there be a bad legacy? What legacy do you think was left for you by the people who have had an influence on your life?
2. What are the two types of legacy that can be left to your descendants? Which one do you think is more important? Why?
3. What is the first key to leaving a life-changing legacy? What do you think it means to pursue God? Read Joshua 1:8. What promise is given if we pursue God through his word? What do you think it means to meditate on God's word?
4. The second key is to embrace who God made me and then live as if that is true. Read Ephesians 2:10. What is God's view of you as a Christian? Do you consider yourself that way? What did Pastor Jason say would determine how you view yourself?
5. Read Proverbs 28:13. In leaving a legacy to those who follow us, why is it so important to accept responsibility for our actions and face the consequences when we mess up instead of trying to avoid them?
6. In reference to how we influence others, there is a saying, "More is caught than is taught". What do you think that means? Do you agree? Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. If those around you follow your example of following Christ, would that be good for them? (Rhetorical question)
7. What is the greatest and most important legacy we could leave to anyone? Why is it the most important? Have you left this most important legacy to those you love?

Answers

1. *A legacy can be either good or bad depending on what is left. A parent who is an alcoholic will leave that legacy behind as well as anything good.*
2. *The two types were: a. material, monetary and b. spiritual , character. Obviously the second one is more important because it is a legacy of how to live as opposed to having stuff.*
3. *The first key is to pursue God every day of your life. Pursuing God is focusing effort and attention on getting to know God as a person, just like you pursued your spouse or someone you wanted to get to know well. The promise is that if meditate on what God's word says and then do what it says, God will cause our life to prosper. Meditation is focused thinking on what God's word means and how we can apply it into our lives.*
4. *God says that as his child, we are his masterpiece, his greatest creation. What determines how you view yourself is who you listen to and believe. If you listen to God, you know that you are important and valuable. If you listen to people, then you will adopt their opinion of yourself, which is not good most of the time.*
5. *The most important lessons we leave behind for those behind us is not our successes, but how we dealt with failure. Everyone fails and if we try to escape the consequences of our bad decisions, that is what we pass on to the next generation. God tells us to not run from our failures, but to learn from our failures so we do not repeat them.*
6. *More is caught than taught is the truth that people look at what we do much more than what we say. If what we do matches what we say, then people see us as being genuine and someone they want to emulate. If we are a hypocrite, well we know what people say about hypocrites.*
7. *The most important thing to leave behind to those we influence is the knowledge of how they can know they are going to heaven, the gospel message. If we leave behind a billion dollars to our children and then they die and spend eternity in hell, we have failed to give them the most valuable thing in all of creation.*

