



LEAVING A LIFE-CHANGING LEGACY

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Proverbs 20:7 (NLT)

The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.

2 Types of Legacy We Leave to Those We Love:

- **Material and monetary wealth.**

Proverbs 13:22 (NLT)

Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren, but the sinner's wealth passes to the godly.

- **Loving discipline and spiritual counsel.**

Ephesians 6:4 (TPT)

Fathers, don't exasperate your children, but raise them up with loving discipline and counsel that brings the revelation of our Lord.

What kind of legacy do you want to leave?

7 KEYS TO LEAVING A LIFE-CHANGING LEGACY:

1

Pursue God.

Every. Single. Day.

Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

How:

- Develop the habit of seeking God
- Meditate on one verse / one person in the Bible
- Ask less, listen more
- Share what you are learning

2

Embrace who God made me to be.

1 Samuel 17:38-40 (NLT)

Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. “I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off again. He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

How?

- Take an inventory of the voices I am listening to (social media, things I’m watching). Are they encouraging me to embrace who God made me to be?
- Memorize Bible verses that remind me how God sees me (memorize Ephesians 2:10)
- Ask trusted people for accountability

3

Take responsibility for my actions and accept the consequences.

2 Samuel 12:9-10, 13-14 (NLT)

[Nathan said] “Why, then, have you despised the word of the LORD and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife.” ... Then David confessed to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan replied, “Yes, but the LORD has forgiven you, and you won’t die for this sin. Nevertheless, because you have shown utter contempt for the word of the LORD by doing this, your child will die.”

Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

James 5:16a (MSG)

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.

4

Live intentionally knowing the world is watching.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (ICB)

So be very careful how you live. Do not live like those who are not wise. Live wisely. I mean that you should use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times. So do not be foolish with your lives. But learn what the Lord wants you to do.

Galatians 5:22-23a (NLT)

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

5

Choose a life of service, not entitlement.

Philippians 2:5-7 (ICB)

In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus. Christ himself was like God in everything. He was equal with God. But he did not think that being equal with God was something to be held on to. He gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born as a man and became like a servant.

John 13:1c, 12-17 (TPT)

And now he longed to show them the full measure of his love. ... After washing their feet, he put his robe on and returned to his place at the table. "Do you understand what I just did?" Jesus said. "You've called me your teacher and lord, and you're right, for that's who I am. So if I'm your teacher and lord and have just washed your dirty feet, then you should follow the example that I've set for you and wash one another's dirty feet. Now do for each other what I have just done for you. I speak to you timeless truth: a servant is not superior to his master, and an apostle is never greater than the one who sent him. So now put into practice what I have done for you, and you will experience a life of happiness enriched with untold blessings!"

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

6

Love everyone with all my effort.

John 15:12-13a (TPT)

“So this is my command: Love each other deeply, as much as I have loved you. For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all.”

Matthew 5:43, 46-48 (MSG)

“You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. ... If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that. In a word, what I’m saying is, *Grow up*. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

7

Carry the message of Jesus on the tip of my tongue.

Isaiah 52:7 (NLT)

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (ICB)

So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is as if God is calling to you through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God. Christ had no sin. But God made him become sin. God did this for us so that in Christ we could become right with God.