

HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY

Family Matters – Part 4

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“A good life gets passed on to the grandchildren...” (Proverbs 13:22, The Message)

“...a righteous man will be remembered forever.” (Psalm 112:6, NIV84)

1. FOLLOW WITH AUTHENTICITY

“Then Joshua told the people, “Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do great wonders among you.”” (Joshua 3:5, NLT)

“Today you will know that the living God is among you.” (Joshua 3:10a, NLT)

Then Joshua said to the Israelites, “In the future your children will ask, ‘What do these stones mean?’ Then you can tell them, ‘This is where the Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ For the Lord your God dried up the river right before your eyes, and he kept it dry until you were all across, just as he did at the Red Sea when he dried it up until we had all crossed over. He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord’s hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever.” (Joshua 4:21-24, NLT)

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. (2 Corinthians 13:5a, NLT)

ACTION: CLASS 101

2. LIVE WITH INTEGRITY.

“...I have walked with integrity and I have trusted you without wavering.” (Psalm 26:1, GW)

“As for you, if you will follow me with integrity and godliness, as David your father did, obeying all my commands, decrees, and regulations, then I will establish the throne of your dynasty over Israel forever...” (1 Kings 9:4–5, NLT)

“...I’m doing the very best I can, and I’m doing it at home, where it counts.” (Psalm 101:2, The Message)

ACTION: FAMILY DEDICATION

3. GIVE WITH GENEROSITY.

“[The godly] share freely and give generously...Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.” (Psalm 112:9, NLT)

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” (Matthew 6:19–21, NLT)

ACTION: GIVE

4. SERVE WITH INTENSITY.

That day the Lord made Joshua a great leader in the eyes of all the Israelites, and for the rest of his life they revered him as much as they had revered Moses. (Joshua 4:14, NLT)

“You will earn the trust and respect of others if you work for good...” (Proverbs 14:22, GNB)

“Day by day the Lord observes the good deeds done by godly men, and gives them eternal rewards.” (Psalm 37:18, The Living Bible)

Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. Then he said, “I tell you the truth...anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me.” (Matthew 18:2–5, NLT)

ACTION: SERVE

LAST THOUGHT

What legacy are you LEAVING?

“For David served God’s purposes in his own time, and then he died.” (Acts 13:36a, GNB)