

“The Legacy”

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“Legacy” – ‘Anything handed down from the past, good or bad.’

A Legacy Dad (A single parent is mom and dad) is a righteous man, one who has a passion to see the next generation succeed and accomplish greater achievements.

Psalm 145:4 Amplified Bible: ⁴ One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty *and* remarkable acts.

1. What do we want to hand down and leave for our children?

Proverbs 13:22 Amplified Bible: ²² A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for [the hands of] the righteous.

2 Kings 21:19-22 Amplified Bible: ¹⁹ Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. ²⁰ He also did evil in the sight of the LORD, just as his father Manasseh had done. ²¹ He walked in all the [evil] ways that his father had walked; and he served the idols that his father had served, and worshiped them; ²² he abandoned the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

2 Kings 22:1-2 Amplified Bible: Josiah was eight years old when he became king and reigned for thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. ² He did what was right in the sight of the LORD and walked in all the ways of his father (ancestor) David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

In both of these instances we see one very important statement, "walked in all the ways of his father."

* Let's look at the meaning of the word "ways". ("Ways" – 'A course of life or mode of action; conversation; a path that is traveled; habits; moral character; a pattern of life; conduct.'

2. What does the Word of God teach us about this word and ways?

a. We must determine that we will walk in the ways of God.

Deuteronomy 5:33 Amplified Bible: ³³ You shall walk [that is, live each and every day] in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long in the land which you will possess.

b. We must understand that everything we do, all of our ways, are always before Him.

Proverbs 16:2 Amplified Bible: ² All the ways of a man are clean *and* innocent in his own eyes [and he may see nothing wrong with his actions],
But the LORD weighs *and* examines the motives *and* intents [of the heart and knows the truth].

c. Don't leave the ways of God to walk in the ways of darkness, sin, and evil.

Proverbs 5:21-23 Amplified Bible:

²¹ For the ways of man are directly before the eyes of the LORD,
And He carefully watches all of his paths [all of his comings and goings].

²² The iniquities done by a wicked man will trap him,
And he will be held with the cords of his sin.

²³ He will die for lack of instruction (discipline),
And in the greatness of his foolishness he will go astray *and* be lost.

- d. If you walk in God's ways, then you will be blessed.

Proverbs 8:32-36 Amplified Bible:

³² "Now therefore, O sons, listen to me,

For blessed [happy, prosperous, to be admired] are they who keep my ways.

³³ "Heed (pay attention to) instruction and be wise,

And do not ignore or neglect it.

³⁴ "Blessed [happy, prosperous, to be admired] is the man who listens to me,

Watching daily at my gates,

Waiting at my doorposts.

³⁵ "For whoever finds me (Wisdom) finds life

And obtains favor and grace from the LORD.

³⁶ "But he who fails to find me or sins against me injures himself;

All those who hate me love and court death."

- e. Is it possible to walk in the ways that God has called us to walk in on a daily basis?

Galatians 5:16-26 Amplified Bible: ¹⁶ But I say, walk *habitually* in the [Holy] Spirit [seek Him and be responsive to His guidance], and then you will certainly not carry out the desire of the sinful nature [which responds impulsively without regard for God and His precepts]. ¹⁷ For the sinful nature has its desire which is opposed to the Spirit, and the [desire of the] Spirit opposes the sinful nature; for these [two, the sinful nature and the Spirit] are in direct opposition to each other [continually in conflict], so that you [as believers] do not [always] do whatever [good things] you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are guided and led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the Law. ¹⁹ Now the practices of the sinful nature are *clearly* evident: they are sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality (total irresponsibility, lack of self-control), ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions [that promote heresies], ²¹ envy, drunkenness, riotous behavior, and *other* things like these. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature together with its passions and appetites.

²⁵ If we [claim to] live by the [Holy] Spirit, we must also walk by the Spirit [with personal integrity, godly character, and moral courage—our conduct empowered by the Holy Spirit]. ²⁶ We must not become conceited, challenging or provoking one another, envying one another.

* What does it take on our part to walk in God's ways after we are born again and filled with the Spirit? Courage to be courageous!!!!

"Courage" – 'To act in accordance with one's beliefs, especially in spite of criticisms and persecution. It calls for backbone and brave heartiness!!'

1 Corinthians 16:13 Amplified Bible... ¹³ Be on guard; stand firm in your faith [in God, respecting His precepts and keeping your doctrine sound]. Act like [mature] men *and* be courageous; be strong.

Joshua 24:14-17 Amplified Bible: ¹⁴ "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and in truth; remove the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the [Euphrates] River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ If it is unacceptable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ The people answered, "Far be it from us to abandon (reject) the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did these great signs (miracles) in our sight and kept us safe all along the way that we went and among all the peoples among whom we passed.