



Title: Heart Check: Leave your heart on the field.

Scripture: Psalm 39:24-35, Proverbs 13:22, Psalm 112:1-2

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BOTTOM LINE: If we are not living our lives to bring the Gospel to the future generation, then we are missing the mark.

POINT 1

Three things to remember in order to leave a lasting legacy as a parent:

1. Time is short.

Psalm 39:4

Show me, Lord - In the Psalm David asks the Lord for wisdom concerning the shortness and frailty of life.

Psalm 39:5

You have made my days a mere handbreadth - David says that his days are a mere handbreadth. The original language says span. This is referring to the span of your hand.

Everyone is a but a breath - With all that David had, he knew he was living life was on borrowed time.

David was a champion, an accomplished Special Forces warrior, a leader, a celebrity, a skilled poet, a musical genius, a survivor, and a king. If anyone might have thought more highly of himself, David had the right to. Yet he understood that he, like every man is – at his best state – merely a vapor, a puff of steam or smoke. - Guzik

“Life is very short, but a great deal may be done. Our Lord Jesus Christ, in three years, saved the world. Some of his followers in three years have been the means of saving many and many a soul.” - Spurgeon

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Psalm 112:1

Blessed is the man - For the person who fears the Lord, there is a blessing. This fear isn't a crippling fear. It is a fear that stands in awe.

The fear the Bible is talking about is best described as a profound reverence; that is, we are to revere God, or stand in awe of him.- Boice

When it comes to life, remember these two things:

1. There is a God
2. We/You are not Him

Psalm 112:2

His descendants will be mighty on earth - There is a blessing on our families when we fear the Lord and delight in His commandments.

Think of the great measure of blessedness upon Jesus. No one feared the LORD as He did; no one delighted in God's commandments as He.- Guzik

Deut. 6:7

Impress them on your children - We are told in Deuteronomy to take the commandments of God and to teach/impress them upon our children.

The best way for a child to learn is to see it modeled first.

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- 3. Start investing now.**

Pro. 13:22

A good man leaves an inheritance - We see that a good man leaves an inheritance.

*He files many a prayer in heaven on their behalf, and his good example and advices are remembered and quoted from generation to generation.-
Clarke*

The best inheritance you can leave to your children is a strong walk with the Lord.

Practical things you can start doing now:

1. Be intentional with your time as a family. (Learn to say no)
2. Emphasize what is important. (Worship as a family)
3. Don't shy away from spiritual conversations. (Point your children to the Word)
4. Love them like Jesus loves them.

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3D Guide

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BOTTOM LINE: The best way to avoid having a hard heart is lovingly deal with conflict.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?

DISCUSS.



1. If you are a parent, talk about day to day life with your children. Is it easy? Are their difficult times? What is a typical week like?
2. Thinking about your life, what are the things you can leave behind that will have an eternal impact?
3. Read Psalm 112:1. What are some practical things you can do to delight in the commands of the Lord?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.

Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: September 2nd, 2018

Bible Story: A Sinner is Saved (Luke 19:1-10)

1. Today we learned about a man named Zacchaeus. Many people did not like Zacchaeus because he was a tax collector and they spoke unkind things about him. But we saw that Jesus used his words to lift Zacchaeus up and because of that, he was saved. This shows us that no matter who someone is, they are God's creation and are worthy of being treated with kindness. Can you think of anyone you might know that is not very popular or well liked by other kids? What can you do to be like Jesus to them?
2. Our words can be used to lift each other up, or they can be used to tear each other down. The Bible warns that the tongue is a fire when it is used for evil. Why do you think the Bible compares the tongue to a fire? What kind of damage can our words do?
3. We must be open to allowing God to use us as a light in others' lives, even when they are unkind to us. Do you think the people who said unkind things about Zaccheus thought of him as God's creation or someone worthy of being saved? As Christians, who are we representing with our words and actions? (Jesus!)
4. When we use our words for good, they are considered life-giving. Jesus' words and actions literally gave Zaccheus new life in Christ. Do you believe that God can use your words to bring others to Him?

Memory Verse: : "Let my words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, God" -Psalm 19:14

