

#1 - INTRODUCTION

I. Series Wrap

1. Are You Ready To Leave A Legacy Worth Leaving?

Deut. 11:18-21 - *"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth."*



#2 - REVIEW AND REPENTANCE

I. A Legacy of Calling

1. Living For Yourself
 - (1) How others affect me?
 - (2) How my kids are affecting me?
 - (3) Taking seriously the calling to leave a legacy?

II. A Legacy of Identity

1. Making Others (your children) your legacy
 - (1) Are you resting in your identity in Jesus?
 - (2) Identity Reassignment
 - i. Reliving past successes
 - ii. Recovering past failures
 - iii. Recycling past curse
2. Signs of A Legacy of Grace
 - (1) Grace produces freedom from ourselves
 - (2) Grace produces freedom from hard-heartedness
 - (3) Grace produces freedom from performance anxiety
 - (4) Grace produces freedom from generational curses
 - (5) Grace produces freedom from persistent regret

III. A Legacy of Grace

1. Why would a God of perfect wisdom ask inadequate people to do such an important job?
 - (1) God calls unable people to do important things
 - (2) He's working on is not your immediate result or immediate success...but that you would come to depend upon His grace...which changes us...and glorifies Him.
2. Signs of Parental Identity Reassignment
 - (1) Too much focus on success
 - (2) Too much concern about reputation
 - (3) Too much desire for control
 - (4) Too much emphasis on activity (rather than identity)
 - (5) Too much temptation to make it personal

IV. A Legacy of Law

1. The law is necessary part of our legacy, but it is limited in what it can accomplish in hearts apart from grace.
 - (1) The law is necessary compass
 - (2) The law is necessary conviction
 - (3) Do you you have law dependency? It produces law replacement.
2. Leaving A Legacy of Law
 - (1) Accept the necessity of the law
 - (2) Adjust the aggregation of the law
 - (3) Admit the limitations of the law
 - (4) Apply the intention of the law (grace)

- i. Shepherd hearts not behavior

V. A Legacy of Repentance

1. Obey and Honor

- (1) Obey most, even imperfect, parents
- (2) Honor all, even abusive, parents
- (3) We as parents facilitate this by modeling repentance, not adherence.
- (4) Bring them up in the instruction of the Lord, not ourselves.
- (5) Repent more than you think is necessary

2. Leaving A Legacy of Repentance

- (1) Pay Close Attention To What You Desire For Them
- (2) Pay Close Attention To How You Desire It For Them
- (3) Pay Close Attention To Their Responses To Your Desires
- (4) Pay Close Attention To Your Responses To Their Responses

VI. A Legacy of Process

1. Is parenting a process or a product?

- (1) Sanctification is process. It is the product of justification.

2. Leaving A Legacy of Process

- (1) Do you see legacy leaving as a daily contribution to furthering their hearts and minds towards the Gospel?

VII. A Legacy of Presence

1. Are you John or Charles (Wesley)?

- (1) God can seem silent, but is always present.
 - i. Our fear is futile
 - ii. Our frailty is fortified
 - iii. Our falling is finite

2. Leaving A Legacy of Presence

- (1) Reverse Engineering Our Ambitions
 - i. Lay down our ambitions, if necessary.
- (2) Laying Down Roots
 - i. We don't just lay down ambitions, we also lay down roots.
 - ii. How long does it take to start to feel like a place is home? (5-7 years)
 - iii. Confirm all movement by the Spirit, through the church, for your children.
- (3) Presence Means Quality, Not Just Quantity

VIII. A Legacy of Faithfulness

1. Are you John or Charles (Wesley)?

- (1) The Bible teaches that every meaningful, substantial, and durable joy-producing enterprise is never obtained by taking short-cuts. Because when you short-cut your faith, you short-cut your joy.
- ii. Joy requires:
 - i. pain

- ii. conviction
- iii. dependance.

2. Shortcuts Preventing Our Legacy

- (1) Pain Prevention (Comfort)
- (2) Crowdsourcing (Approval)
- (3) Risk Management (Security)

IX. A Legacy of Discipline

1. A Balance of Staff and Rod

- (1) Sometimes God uses proportionate, momentary discomfort to produce steadfast, persistent joy.
- (2) Rod = correction; Staff = instruction

2. Leaving A Legacy of Discipline

- (1) Discipline Should Be A Plan, Not A Reaction
- (2) Discipline Should Build Up, Not Wear Down
- (3) Discipline Should Evidence Love, Not Anger
- (4) Discipline Should Be About Tomorrow's Joy, Not Today's Comfort
- (5) Discipline Should Allow For Finite Reminders, Not Irrevocable Damage

X. A Legacy of Margin

1. We Want To Facilitate Rest, Through Margin

- (1) Rest Is A Promise
- (2) Rest Is A Person
- (3) Rest Is A Message

2. Leaving A Legacy of Margin

- (1) Margin is intentional
- (2) Margin is concerned with engaging and listening
 - (1) To our hearts
 - (2) To our families
 - (3) To our churches
 - (4) To our neighbors
 - (5) To our God
- (3) Margin is eroded by good distractions
- (4) Margin is likely absent when anxiety is present
- (5) Margin is never bemoaned



#2 - Q&A

I. At what age do you start talking to your kids about hard issues (i.e. death, homosexuality, etc.)?

1. Preserve innocence, never to the neglect of equipping

- (1) Sex? Porn is seen for the first time today at around 10 years old
 - i. You need to be the first voice in your kids' lives
 - ii. The church needs to be the first voice on issues in a Christian's life
- (2) Homosexuality used to be largely taboo and hidden, now its celebrate and on display at the park.
- (3) Talk about issues (ie death) as soon as they observable by your kids and to the degree they are comprehended by your kids.
- (4) This is why, in large part, homeschooling became an important option for us as a family.

II. How do you parent others in the church without coming off self-righteous or like you got it all together?

1 Timothy 5:1-2 - *"Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity."*

1. We don't teach down, but raise the bar expecting they'll reach for it.
2. We are transparent about our own failures and repent often.

III. So maybe you're changing my perspective on discipline/spanking. I've totally bought into the idea that only weak, impatient, and abusive parents spank. Then I had children. Proverbs 23:13 is convicting. Where is the line between discipline and abuse?

Prov. 23:13 - *"Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die."*

1. "You're" = Bible
2. Your intention
 - (1) To harm?
 - i. Belts, switches
 - (2) To punish?
 - i. Remember discipline doesn't evident anger, and it's intent isn't to wear down.
 - ii. Rather, it is a finite reminder, which end is the prevent irrevocable damage.
 - (3) Or to correct?
 - i. Don't aggregate spankings
3. Their capacity
 - (1) Age (younger, more law)
 - (2) Disability
4. Other's kids
 - (1) Friends/Family
 - (2) The state

IV. What if my job does not allow for a whole lot of margin or presence?

1. Slowly and carefully, begin to pursue other options
 - (1) Don't be rush or be rash. It may mean learning another trade for a a season

V. What is my role in parenting my rebellious adult children?

1. Legacy of Presence

- (1) Let them know you're always here
 - i. Even if you have to draw lines, we draw lines that are never permanent.
- (2) Look for opportunities to give grace, without enabling or sanctioning rebellion
- (3) Pray regularly

VI. I don't feel particularly called to direct legacy ministry, but how can I better support others in the church doing so?

1. The implications of Deut. 11 and Mathew 28 are clear...we are all called to direct legacy ministry

- (1) Kids are always a blessing
- (2) Discipleship is why you are still on earth

VII. How do you parent a deceased child?

1. Don't waste their legacy.

- (1) God is now using them, to parent you. [#lessonsfromquinn](#)

2. Increase your capacity and understanding of heaven

- (1) So your joy for them might increase, and your ministry to others might be effective

3. Your role as parents has not been diminished by their death, so embrace your role.

- (1) Parents with living children struggle with identity reassignment in their kids lives...you will struggle in your kids death.
- (2) Parents with living children will take shortcuts with respect to pain, conviction and dependence. These are all struggles parents of deceased children know better than anyone.
- (3) Parents with living children need to learn that the ups and downs of being a parent are about a process, not an end result. This perhaps in no place more viscerally present, than in the death of our kids?

#4 - CONCLUSION

I. This whole process is called "worship"

Ecc. 9:10 - "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might..."

1 Cor. 10:31-33 - "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved."

Col. 3:12-17 - "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."