

**Abraham**  
**Leaving a Legacy**  
**3.15.15**  
**Update 7.7.24**

**Genesis 17:1-8**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. Live<sup>[a]</sup> in my presence and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> I will set up my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you greatly."

<sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell facedown and God spoke with him: <sup>4</sup> "As for me, here is my covenant with you: You will become the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> Your name will no longer be Abram;<sup>[a]</sup> your name will be Abraham,<sup>[a]</sup> for I will make you the father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you extremely fruitful and will make nations and kings come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will confirm my covenant that is between me and you and your future offspring throughout their generations. It is a permanent covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you. <sup>8</sup> And to you and your future offspring<sup>[a]</sup> I will give the land where you are residing—all the land of Canaan—as a permanent possession, and I will be their God."

**I. We must accept that we all will leave a legacy**

**A. A legacy is defined as**

- (1) money or property bequeathed to another by will or**
- (2) something handed down from an ancestor or a predecessor or from the past.**

**PROVERBS 13:22** A good man leaves an inheritance to his<sup>[a]</sup> grandchildren, but the sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

**2 Timothy 1:5** I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also.

**2 Chronicles 17:3-6** <sup>3</sup> Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the former ways of his ancestor David.<sup>[a]</sup> He did not seek the Baals <sup>4</sup> but sought the God of his father and walked by his commands, not according to the practices of Israel. <sup>5</sup> So the LORD established the kingdom in his hand. Then all Judah brought him tribute, and he had riches and honor in abundance. <sup>6</sup> He took great pride in the LORD's ways, and he again removed the high places and Asherah poles from Judah.

## **2 Corinthians 13:5**

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless you fail the test.

**II. We can choose to create and leave a positive spiritual legacy**

**A. A great legacy begins with a personal commitment to Jesus**

**B. A "bad" legacy can be re-routed by a positive spiritual choice**

**Paul was killer and persecutor and now became a sufferer and preacher**

**I Tim 1:16-17** <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only<sup>a</sup> God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.