

God in your Relationships:

Living a Life of Legacy

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1. LEAVE A LEGACY THAT IS GREATER THAN YOURSELF.

- 1.1.** We have to ask ourselves the question – Are we living for ourselves or for the next generation?
- 1.2.** Every life leaves a legacy. Your family will be left with your legacy (good or bad).

Proverbs 13:22 "A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children."

2. DON'T LIVE TO BE A LEGEND, LIVE TO LEAVE A LEGACY.

- 2.1.** Your reputation is who you are supposed to be; your legacy is who you are.
- 2.2.** Your reputation is what you have when you come to a new community; your legacy is what you leave behind when you go.
- 2.3.** A reputation is made in a moment; a legacy is built in a lifetime.
- 2.4.** A single newspaper report or careless gossip can give you your reputation; but a life of toil gives you your legacy.
- 2.5.** Reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; legacy is what your children will live with for the rest of their lives.
- 2.6.** Example of someone who didn't care about the next generation:

2 Kings 20: 16-19 "Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Listen to this message from the Lord: The time is coming when everything in your palace—all the treasures stored up by your ancestors until now—will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the Lord. Some of your very own sons will be taken away into exile. They will become eunuchs who will serve in the palace of Babylon's king." Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "This message you have given me from the Lord is good." For the king was thinking, "At least there will be peace and security during my lifetime."

- 2.7.** Example of leaving a good legacy:

2 Timothy 4:6-8 "As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing."

3. FIGHT THE FIGHT, FINISH THE RACE, KEEP THE FAITH.

- 3.1.** If you want to live to leave a legacy, fight the Good Fight. Tap in. Be counted. Take what's yours by force and do it with God.

Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."

- 3.2.** Finish the race and ensure the process so that you are neither disqualified nor disheartened in the race of life and ministry.

Galatians 5:7 "You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?"

3.2.1. Some of the things Satan uses to try and stop us from finishing the race:

- Distractions
- Discouragement
- Divisions
- Deceptions

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

- 3.3.** Keep the faith:

- 3.3.1. Hold on to the truth tenaciously - 'the faith'
- 3.3.2. Pursue God daily - a lifestyle of worship
- 3.3.3. Forget living to please man, and live to please God.
- 3.3.4. Live sacrificially for others – he who is last will be first.

Sermon Discussion Guide

OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. Are you living for yourself or are you living for the next generation?
2. Do you think that you are currently busy leaving a good or a bad legacy? Are there some things that you would like to change in your life after listening to the sermon?
3. What, in your life, is currently hindering you from faithfully finishing some of "the races" you have started?