

GAINS: WEEK 2 | THE LEGACY YOU LEAVE

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SERMON STUDY

Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help guide your group discussion.

Each of us has opportunities to influence others' lives, for good or bad. Each day, we must ask ourselves, "In what ways will I be missed when I am gone?" in order to make the most of the life God has given us. Your legacy will be determined by how you give yourself away. You will die to no one's regret if you live to no one's benefit. Stop thinking about living for others and start doing it!

Read 2 Chronicles 21:20. Jehoram's life summary was, "He passed away, to no one's regret." What did Jehoram do to live such an uncelebrated life and die such a sad death? He wasted his influence and died without awareness of how his life affected others.

- Who is benefitting from your life? Who is becoming better because of you? How?
- In what ways are you wasting opportunities to influence others?
- In what ways do you undervalue your influence? How can you change that?

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2 and 2 Timothy 3:10-11. Although Timothy wasn't Paul's biological son, Paul chose to take him into his care. Timothy knew everything Paul endured in ministry because they lived life together. Because of the decision to use his influence to mentor Timothy, Paul impacted generations of people after his death.

- Is there someone who has influenced you so greatly that you wouldn't be who you are without that person? If so, what did he/she do so effectively?
- Was there someone in your life who wasted his/her influence in your life? If so, how has that impacted you?
- Who could you be pouring your life into? What would you like your epitaph to indicate about your legacy?

REFLECT

What is God saying to you through his word? How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week. (Subscribe at: tpcc.org/dailybiblereading)

Day One: 2 Chronicles 21:20 | To no one's regret.

Day Two: 2 Timothy 2:1-2 | Chose to influence.

Day Three: 2 Timothy 3:10-11 | Life together.

Day Four: 2 Timothy 2:1-2 | Generational impact.

Day Five: 2 Chronicles 21:20 | Your legacy, your epitaph.