

## RIDICULOUS LEGACY

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*A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children.*

**Proverbs 13:22a (NIV)**

**Learning Stage** (20-40 years old)

**Leveraging Stage** (40-60 years old)

**Legacy Stage** (60 plus year old)

### Black Wealth, White Wealth Stats:

- The average Black family passes on **zero net financial assets** to future generations. **(Black Enterprise Magazine)**
- In 2019, the median wealth of Black households was **\$24,100**, compared to **\$189,100** for White households. Therefore, the typical Black household had **12.7%** of the wealth of the typical White household, and they owned **\$165,000** less in wealth. **(American Progress.org)**
- **One in three** white households will receive a substantial inheritance during their lifetime compared to only **one in ten** black households. **(Economists Robert Avery and Michael Rendall)**
- An inheritance increases wealth by more than **\$100,000** for white families and only **\$4,000** for black families. **(Survey of Consumer Finances, Federal Reserve System)**

### Essential Elements of Your Legacy:

1. Your **CHARACTER**.

#### Generational Blessing:

*To invoke or set in motion something good and pleasing to God that will go on from generation to generation.*

*Praise the LORD! How joyful are those who fear the LORD and delight in obeying his commands. Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation*



*of godly people will be blessed. They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever. Psalm 112:1-3 (NLT)*

### **Generational Curses:**

*Negative behaviors or sins that are inherited or passed down from one generation to the next.*

*For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. Exodus 20:5b-6 (NIV)*

#### 2. Your **WISDOM**.

*Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Proverbs 3:13-16 (NIV)*

**We are born looking like our parents,  
but we die looking like our decisions.**

*A fool thinks he needs no advice, but a wise man listens to others. Proverbs 12:15 (TLB)*

#### 3. Your **ASSETS**.

*A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. Proverbs 13:22 (NIV)*

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**An inheritance is what you leave to people.  
A legacy is what you leave in people.**