Every person leaves a legacy. The question is not **IF** you will leave a legacy, but **what kind** of legacy you are leaving.

Our society often equates legacy with material inheritance—property, money, status.

Scripture paints a richer and deeper picture.

#### A Godly legacy is about what we deposit into the hearts, minds, and souls of our children and grandchildren.

Proverbs 13:22 tells us, "A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous."

This inheritance is more than financial.

#### It includes values, wisdom, and faith.

On this Father's Day, let us reflect on the kind of inheritance we are shaping day by day.

What kind of legacy are you leaving behind?

#### 1. A Legacy of Faith: Teaching the Next Generation to Walk with God

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

The foundation of any lasting legacy begins with faith.

God commands fathers to *impress* His Word on the hearts of their children—not occasionally, but continually, in everyday life.

This is not just Sunday morning faith but weekday discipleship.

Children learn what we truly believe not by what we say in church, **but by how we live at <u>home!</u>** 

- Set a regular time for family prayer or Bible reading, even if brief.
- Share personal testimonies with your children. Let them see how God has worked in your life.
- Involve your family in church life and serving others together.
- Faith that is lived out consistently becomes contagious.
- Your children may forget your advice, but they will never forget your example.

### 2. A Legacy of Character: Living with Integrity Before Your Family

Proverbs 20:7 "The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them."

# A father's integrity is one of the most powerful tools for generational blessing.

Generational Blessing - Within in each one of us today, you have the opportunity to create a generational blessing or curse by your decisions and actions you make today.

Children are watching—how you treat their mother, how you handle pressure, how you respond when no one is looking.

When a man chooses righteousness, his children are blessed.

Not because he is perfect, but because he is consistent and repentant.

#### Men of Legacy choose to follow these principles

- Be quick to apologize when you're wrong. That models humility and growth.
- Keep your word. Your promises matter, especially to a child.
- Avoid hypocrisy—live what you preach. What you build with your character today can become a <u>refuge or a ruin</u> for your children tomorrow.

#### A Legacy of Presence: Being There with Your Time and Heart

Psalm 103:13 "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

One of the greatest needs in families today is the presence of loving, engaged fathers.

Not just physically present, **but emotionally and spiritually involved.** 

God's example as Father shows us compassion, understanding, and deep care.

Our children need more than our provision—they need our attention, our laughter, and our listening ear.

- Fathers of Legacy will
- Schedule **intentional** one-on-one time with each child.
- Be available after work—not just in body but with focused presence.
- Celebrate their milestones, however small.
  Presence communicates value. A child's self-worth is often shaped by the time and interest their father gives.

## A Legacy of Generosity: Investing in What Will Outlive you.

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously... God loves a cheerful giver."

True generosity flows from a heart surrendered to God.

It's more than giving money—it's giving love, forgiveness, opportunities, and blessings.

A generous father creates an environment of abundance, not just materially but spiritually and emotionally.

He gives what he can to help others grow.

- Support your children's dreams and education.
- Be generous in praise, encouragement, and grace.
- Give to missions or causes as a family to model a bigger Kingdom mindset.

A generous spirit multiplies impact.

What you give away for God will always return with fruit you may not even live to see—but your legacy will carry it forward.

#### WORSHIP TEAM

Legacy is not written in wills—it's etched in daily decisions.

It's not defined by how much we leave in the bank, but by how much of God we leave in the lives we touch.

Today, as we honor fathers, let us rise to a greater calling:

to be men who leave behind a legacy of faith, character, presence, and generosity.

Start today. Begin where you are.

Your legacy is being built right now.

May your children and your children's children rise up and call you blessed—not because you were perfect,

but because you pointed them to a **perfect God**.

My challenge to all Fathers, is to take time this week and evaluate what you are **intentionally passing on.** 

Choose one area—faith, character, presence, or generosity—and make a specific, tangible change that moves you toward a **godly legacy**.

Being a father of Legacy, You are shaping the future one day at a time.

Make it count AMEN!