

MAIN POINT

Christians are to live in a way that honors God and leaves a legacy of faith for those whom they influence.

INTRODUCTION

What comes to mind when you hear the word “legacy”?

How has the church been tasked with leaving a legacy for future generations?

Throughout history, God has instructed His people to pass the truth about Him down to future generations. Scripture shows a pattern of unfaithfulness before God when this is not done well. One example of this is the Book of Judges. In the Book of Judges, the people continually turn from faithfulness to God and face the consequences of their sin, continually needing rescue and restoration from God. Today, we will consider several passages that encourage us to leave a godly legacy for those who follow after us. We will consider what this looks like each day and the reality that it’s never too late to build this kind of legacy in our lives.

DISCUSSION

> READ PSALM 144:4; 1 TIMOTHY 3:4, 5:8; PROVERBS 13:22; 15:6; MATTHEW 6:19-20;
PSALM 112:1-3; 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8.

How does reflecting on passages like Psalm 144 help us to consider the importance of the legacy we leave?

How does it give us urgency to recognize that our lives are very short in the big scheme of things?

From these passages, what can you learn about the relational legacy God has called you to leave?

What does this look like with your children, grandchildren, and others you have been given influence with?

How does everyone in the church have a role to play in leaving a godly legacy, whether they have biological children or not?

What is the connection between the “order of our house” (1 Timothy 3:4) and the legacy we are leaving?

What do these passages teach you about leaving a legacy through your finances?

What legacy would you say most of the world leaves in regard to how their money is spent? How is the church to be different?

What decisions do you need to make today to impact your future financial legacy?

What do these passages teach you about leaving a spiritual legacy?

How does focusing on the right spiritual legacy change the ultimate aim of our lives?

How are all of these areas connected in leaving a godly legacy—relational, financial, spiritual?

APPLICATION

What action is God calling you to take this week that will continue or begin a godly legacy in your life?