

LEAVING A LIFE GIVING LEGACY PART II
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INTRODUCTION

- Everyone leaves a legacy; what will you leave?
- Long after we're gone, a story will be told about the life we lived and the path we travelled.
- Your life is not your own; whatever you do with it will impact the lives of those who follow you.

I. DIVERGENT LEGACIES

- Jonathan Edwards – a pastor, educator, revivalist. He left a legacy of US politicians, college presidents & professors, lawyers, missionaries, etc.
- Max Jukes left a legacy of murderers, prostitutes, convicts, and offspring whose lives were destroyed by addiction.
- Psalm 78:7-8, "So each generation should set its hope anew on God...Then they will not be like their ancestors...refusing to give their hearts to God."
- "We don't drift in good directions. We discipline and prioritize ourselves there." – Andy Stanley

II. FAITHFUL

- Intentional families that leave life giving legacies
- set a foundation of prayer for their loved ones and understand that they're standing on others' shoulders.
- Four crucial decisions we have to make:
 - 1st – Decision to embrace our parent's legacy (good or bad).
 - 2nd – Decision of who we will build a legacy with (i.e. who you will marry!)
 - 3rd – Decision to leave an intentional or unintentional legacy

- 4th – Decide what direction your legacy will be lived in.
- "Direction – not intention – determines our destination." – Andy Stanley
- 1 Corinthians 6:19, "Don't you realize...your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? "
- Everything you do can and should be done in the light of the reality that we are not our own.
- Children need to value their legacy.
- One of marriage's greatest values is that it's the foundation for the next generation.
- Prov. 3:6, "Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

III. GENERATIONAL JUNK

- For some, legacy might seem like a lost cause.
- Jesus takes our mess and makes something life giving out of it.
- Four Tactics for Tackling Generational Junk
 - 1st – You have to own it before you can disown it.
 - 2nd – Beware of the victim trap
 - 3rd – Give grace to the past
 - 4th – Identify the patterns of the past
- Ephesians 4:31-32, "Get rid of...all types of evil behavior...Instead, be kind to each other...forgiving...just as God through Christ has forgiven you."

IV. CLOSE

- It's never too late to follow the path...His path for you.
- Psalm 37: 23-24, "The Lord directs the steps of the godly...Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord hold them by the hand."