

LEAVING A LIFE GIVING LEGACY PART III

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INTRODUCTION

- These messages are about a future you cannot see or touch but it is just as real as you or I.
- Legacy...what are we giving to the next generation?
- Every choice we make impacts those following us.
- We all leave a legacy, only question is what does it look like?
- We often connect legacy with financial inheritance but it is so much more. It is the transferring of value.
- Last week we talked about family baggage, generational sin.
- Today how do you create a family legacy that is life giving.

I. WHAT IS YOUR FAMILY IDENTITY?

- All families have an identity.
- Usually born out of your parent's identity and their family's identity and the issues your family has faced.
- We often build family identity with the habits we practice.
- Luke 2:41-46 NLT, "Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. ⁴² When Jesus was twelve years old...they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents... assumed He was among the other travelers...they started looking for Him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem ..."
- This gives us a glimpse into Jesus' family culture.
- Their identity and their practices.
- "Every year" that is how you build family identity.

- Things that shape your family's journey, do them regularly.

II. A FINANCIAL LEGACY

- First and foremost a financial legacy is biblical.
- I Timothy 5:8, "But if anyone does not provide for their relatives...he...is worse than an unbeliever."
- Proverbs 16:8, "Better is a little with the righteous than great revenues with injustice."
- The issue with financial legacy is "what do you want future generations to do with the money you made?"
- Our families have fractured, we live for the moment expecting the government to rescue us.
- Matthew 6:19-21, "Don't store up treasures here on earth... ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven..."
- 1 Corinthians 2:9, "...no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him."
- Being heirs of spiritual promises gives two messages:
1st You belong, 2nd Your Heavenly Father cares for you
- Putting the highest value on money and not our souls is the first mistake many of us make.
- Four Basics of Financial Well Being:
 - 1st Work hard, 2nd Save money,
3rd Be grateful and content, 4th Share with others
- Matthew 16:26, "For what will it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

CLOSE

- A legacy is not about money.
- It is about families and hearts.