

Leaving a Godly Legacy

Series: "Home sweet home!"

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Ps 39:4-5 (NIV) ⁴ "Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. ⁵ You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath. Selah

Ps 71:17-18 (NIV) ¹⁷ Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. ¹⁸ Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come.

Pr 13:22 (NIV) ²² A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Questions I must ponder to leave a Godly legacy:

1. What will be the FOCUS of my life?

Matt 22:37-38 (NIV) ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

Rom 10:13 (NIV) ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

"Salvation" means "freedom" and in Grk has three tenses.

- 1) I have been set free from the PENALTY of sin.
- 2) I am being set free from the POWER of sin.
- 3) I will be set free from the PRESENCE of sin.

Phlp 2:12-13 (NIV) ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

"We don't work for our salvation but our salvation is at work in us!"

2. How will I CONDUCT my life?

Pr 22:1 (NIV) ¹ A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

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Rom 8:29 (NLT) ²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Phlp 2:5-7 (NIV) ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

2 Pet 1:5 (NIV) ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge;

Godly character is found in the "Fruit of the Spirit."

Gal 5:22-23 (NIV) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

3. What DRIVING CONVICTIONS will I be known for?

1 Cor 16:13 (NIV) ¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

"Stand firm" - Military term. It means to dig in and refuse to give ground.

Dan 1:8 (NIV) ⁸ But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

"A belief is something you will argue about. A conviction is something you will die for!"