

Father's Day 2017

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and the glory of children are their fathers.*

What is Legacy?

anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor:

Our Mark we leave on this world.

What we leave behind upon our exit.

1. Know the legacy you want to leave

Most people simply except their lives.

They don't lead them.

We need to be intentional & proactive about our lives in order to create powerful results.

What is your passion, purpose, what do you want to be known for? What matters to you?

One day someone will summarize your life in one sentence.

You have the opportunity to Pick your Eulogy now!

2. Live the legacy you want to leave

Realize you are leaving a legacy, whether good or bad.

If you want to leave a godly legacy, you must create it by living it first.

You can't make impact just by talking about it.

Everything worthy takes effort and commitment.

It doesn't just happen. You make it happen!

Stop wasting your life waiting for ...

The right person to show up,

The right opportunity to come to you or

The right moment to happen.

Decide to make things happen instead!

Be Proactive.

Decide now! I am Here For A Reason!

Live the Legacy you want to leave.

Be the person you want them to remember.

Be the one who goes the way, so you can show the way to others.

3. Start Now

One of my top life changing moments is when you realized that you are replaceable. It's not about me.

This world will continue to turn without us.

I'm here for a Reason and a Season,

I am to be making the way for others to come after me

(Prov 17:6) *Children's children are the crown of old men;
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Children are our Heritage. (Ps 127:3)

Children are our Reward. (Ps 127:3)

Children are our Legacy. (Ps 127:4)

Job was an excellent example of a Godly Father.

Job is the oldest book in the bible.

Written Approx 1600 BC. and his story is still being told!

That's a Legacy

I. As Dads, We Need To Be Saved! (Job 1)

Let your kids glory over a dad that is saved!

Vs 1 *There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright,*

“Perfect” not Sinless, but he did not have Moral Failings!
Porn, Alcohol, Cigarettes, etc.

“Upright” ~ Honest; just; adhering to rectitude in all social intercourse; not deviating from correct moral principles; as an *upright* man.

There is no greater Legacy you can leave your children than the Assurance that Daddy is in heaven, & they will see you again!

Are you saved?
When did you get saved?
How did you get saved?
Do your children know your testimony?
Have they heard you tell it?

As Dads, we need to be saved!

You can't teach your children what you don't know.

II. As Dads, We need to walk with God! (Job1:1b) *and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.*

“one that feared God,” Job had relationship with God.

“eschewed evil” ~ *shunned evil*. Avoided it, Blameless!

*You can't walk with God without being saved,
But many Saved men Do Not Walk With God.*

This is what the results of being a “Saved Man” should be.

There is no greater Legacy you can leave your children that the Godly example of a daily walk with God.

They become what we are, NOT what we tell them to be!
Have they heard you pray? Then how will they know how?
Have you taught them the Bible? Then how will they know?
Have you taught them the importance of the bible in your life?

Trust me, you have, for good or for bad.

You have taught them.

III. As Dads, We Need To Be Eternally Focused!

Vs 3, Job was a wealthy man.

Job never let prosperity change his focus off God.

Illus: It is said that Wealth Corrupts, Truthfully, wealth only reveals your true Character.

Things = Thorns: Mark 4:7, 18-19

Illus: Cares of this world=Pressures of our Career

Deceitfulness of riches=Our bloated ego and Pride

Lusts of other things=Keeping up with the Jones'!

If “Things” are getting in the way of your walk and service, its time to cut down the thorns!

Our Choices are expressing our Values, and teaching our children to what to value.

As Dads, we need to be eternally focused!

IV. As Dads, We Need to Lead Our Family in Worship!

Vs 5 *And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according*

to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.

Job led the family in worship.

Illus: He didn't wait for his wife to step out and lead, He initiated Worship. He led the Home in Worship!

(Prov 22:6) Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Illus: He took personal responsibility for Souls of his family!

Vs 5: Thus did Job Continually!

Job was Faithful and Consistent!

(Eph 6:4) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Illus: Your kids know what day it is!

*They will never be anymore faithful than you are!
They will never have a closer walk with God than you do!*

If Sunday nights aren't important to you, don't be surprised when they don't feel like coming when they are too big to threaten!

(Col 3:21) Fathers, provoke not your children to anger; lest they be discouraged.

This happens when we live an inconsistent life.

V. As Dads, We Need to be (Endurance) Faithful!

(Job 1:14-21)

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, 21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. 22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job never let circumstances change his view or his service.

Illus: Job was a Christian whether he had money or not.

Job never let physical illness affect his view of God or his worship.

(Job 2:7-10)

*Illus: Job was a Christian whether he was healthy or Ill.
(Job 13:15) Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.*

(Job 19:25-26) For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

He Said Redeemer! Not Maker! If he had a Redeemer, then he knew he was a sinner in need of a Redeemer.

Job was looking forward to Christ, Just as we look Backward.

VI. As Dads, we need to be the kind of a Christian our kids can Glory over! - To Job, God is his Creator.

As the Created being in the relationship...

Job submitted to God's Authority over him.

(JOB 4:17) *Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his **MAKER**?*

Job Embraced God's Choices for him.

(JOB 36:3) *I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my **MAKER**.*

Job left his children a godly Heritage! (Job 42:12-15)

Job left his children a godly Name!

There was a man in Chicago called Easy Eddie, who worked as Al Capone's lawyer. Capone virtually owned the city, enmeshing Chicago in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Easy Eddie was very good at legal maneuvering & kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

In gratitude, Al Capone paid him very well. Easy Eddie got a fenced-in mansion large enough to fill an entire city block with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. Despite the atrocities that went on around him, Eddie was able to give the son that he loved the best of everything; clothes, cars, and a good education. Money was no object.

And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. He wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things that Eddie couldn't give his son: a good name and a good example.

He realized that offering his son a good name was more important than all the riches he could lavish on him. In order

to offer his son some semblance of integrity, Eddie decided to secretly become an informant for the Internal Revenue Service and it was with his help that the government convicted and imprisoned Capone for income tax evasion.

By 1939, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago street. Frank J. Wilson, the Treasury Department investigator who worked with Eddie on the case wrote an article calling Eddie one of his best undercover men. Easy Eddie had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer at the greatest price he would ever pay.

Several years later there was another distinguished man from Chicago, Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare, was a fighter pilot assigned to an aircraft carrier called Lexington in the South Pacific.

"Butch" O'Hare is the subject of many articles that document his outstanding service as a pilot during World War II. He was presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions against the Japanese in defending the U.S.S. Lexington.

He was the section leader of Fighting Squadron 3 on February 20, 1942. According to aviation-history, six Wildcats were sent into the air to protect the Lexington from Japanese bombers. O'Hare and his wingman spotted the enemy planes first. The wingman's guns jammed, however, and the other four planes were too far away, so O'Hare faced 9 twin-engine Japanese bombers alone. He shot down five of them and damaged a sixth before the other U.S. fighter planes arrived and the remaining enemies were forced to withdraw.

Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. No enemy bombs had made it to the Lexington.

The official citation of his Medal of Honor citation calls it "...one of, if not the most daring, single action in the history of combat aviation..."

One night, the following year, during the battle for the Gilbert Islands, O'Hare was accidentally shot down & killed by friendly fire.

His home town would not allow the memory of that heroic action to die. And today, Chicago's O'Hare Airport is named in honor of this great man, and there is even a restored airplane on display at the airport similar to the one that O'Hare flew.

You might be thinking, "What do these two stories have to do with each other?"

Well, you see, Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son, Lt. Commander Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare.

What is more important in your life,

- 1). Than being the person God wants you to be and
- 2). Leaving the legacy of faithful obedience that causes those who come after you to be godly men and women for generations to come?

What would it take for you to reach your full potential as a Christian?

If you will show real commitment to what you say you believe and set some convictions that you are willing to sacrifice for, then those who come after you will start from a firm foundation of faith.

Those who come after us can be leaders for Christ in this country for generations to come.

God gives us many IF/Then Promises in the Bible

(1Ki 11:38) *And it shall be,*

IF thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and

IF wilt walk in my ways, and

IF thou wilt do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did;

THEN: that I will be with thee, and

THEN: I will build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and

THEN: I will give Israel unto thee.

The story of Job's life was Written Approx 1600 BC. and his story is still being told!

That's a Legacy.

your are writing your life's story write now.

It will be condensed into 1 Sentence.

What will it be?

What will it say?

Decide now what you want it to say.

Live now what you want it to say.