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Learn why most types of legacies fail and how you can leave a legacy that matters and that lasts

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God has given us everything we need to know about leaving a legacy that truly has a lasting impact on people. During the course of this lesson, we want to investigate the subject of leaving a legacy that matters! And, to arrive at our conclusions, we will be considering the only book that really matters – God’s book (the Bible).

## *Some Common Legacies*

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All mankind is faced with the reality that he will not live forever on this earth. This is just as the Hebrew writer said. “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). Even those who do not accept the truths contained in the Bible generally accept the fact that their earthly lives are coming to an end.

So, as people try to come to grips with this “fact of life,” they often begin to focus on leaving a legacy for others. That is, most people don’t want the lives they lived to be entirely forgotten. They don’t want their brief existence on this earth to have been meaningless. Instead, many people want their lives to have *mattered*. They want this world to have been impacted by their lives in some way. And, they want their impact to continue to be felt on this earth even after they no longer share in life on this earth.

This is the idea of a legacy. It is what people think about you. It is the contribution(s) you made. It is the impact that continues to be felt even after your life is over. So, it should come as no surprise that there have been many books and articles written to focus on the subject of leaving a legacy.

However, there is a problem. Most people are focused in the wrong areas when they consider leaving a legacy. They are focused on things that will eventually cease to have an impact. So, what if I told you that I know of only one book that perfectly teaches us about leaving a legacy that will have an eternal impact? Would you be interested in learning what it has to say? Would you dedicate yourself to following its plan for leaving a legacy that matters?

When the world thinks about having a lasting impact, it thinks about physical things – because it is carnally minded. So, whenever you read the material that has been written by worldly-minded people, they are always focused on leaving physical legacies. Consider a few of the most common legacies people think about.

### **Money**

“Money is what makes the world go ‘round.” That is the common thinking in this world. People work their entire lives to make a living, “get ahead,” and enjoy what this life has to offer. And, whenever their earthly lives end, their focused pursuits for monetary gain mean that the greatest legacies they can leave is also monetary.

Even the book of Proverbs commends the idea of leaving a monetary inheritance. Proverbs 13:22 says, “A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.” Those who have been blessed with money do well to leave a financial inheritance to their heirs.

And, even beyond leaving a monetary legacy that is willed to heirs, there are many people who seek to use their money to do good, help those who are in need, promote what they believe to be noble causes, etc. during the time they are living (or, leave money in their wills for these same causes). And, there has been much physical good that has been accomplished through such contributions. Some have fed the hungry, taken care of orphans, built hospitals, contributed to valuable scientific/medical research, helped to educate, etc.

## Possessions

Similar to the monetary legacies some have left, others have left different types of physical possessions as a legacy. Perhaps most common among these is physical property. Particularly, lands and houses are often left as part of a legacy. In some parts of the world, families have lived on specific pieces of ground for centuries. It is part of their heritage. Proverbs 19:14 says, “Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the Lord.”

And, even beyond these possessions that may be left to one’s family as part of a heritage, some leave possessions to others who can preserve them for historical significance, use them to accomplish some particular purpose the individual believed to be noble and good, etc.

## Accomplishments

Some people are looking to achieve something during their lifetimes that will fill a specific void here on this earth and be forever remembered for this contribution. Some want to contribute to scientific or medical discovery and advancement. Some want to invent a new product that will make life on this earth a bit easier and more enjoyable. Some want to establish a foundation that will help people throughout the foreseeable future. Some want to lead movements to change something within a culture.

And, there have been many who have left legacies in these ways. Some are nearly universally known. Some are known only within certain countries. Some are only locally recognizable. Evaluate the following list of names and consider the legacies they have left (generally considered to be positive): Gandhi, Mother Teresa, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Benjamin Franklin, Steve Jobs, Martin Luther King, Jr., etc.

## Memories

Not only do people leave legacies in these ways, but a legacy is even left through the memories an individual leaves. Proverbs 10:7 says, “The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of

the wicked will rot.” Physically speaking, every able-minded individual will be able to call to mind some pleasant memory of another who has passed from this earth. These memories may remind us of valuable life lessons, they may bring us laughter, they may warm our hearts, they may encourage us, etc.

And, as Proverbs 10:7 should help us to see, not every memory people have left as part of their legacies is good. Just think about the legacies left by people like the Roman emperor Nero, “Bloody” Mary, Adolf Hitler, Osama Bin Laden, etc. Surely, just as every able-minded individual can think of positive memories of people who have passed from this life, they are also able to think of sad and discouraging memories of people who have passed from this life. So, as Proverbs 10:7 teaches, the memories of those who do right will be blessed, while the names (and memories) of the wicked “will rot.”

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## A Legacy That Lasts

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I am sure that more could be said about the things most people think about whenever they consider the subject of leaving a legacy. And, even in considering these, you should recognize that not every legacy is the same. Yet, there is a problem with all of these types of legacies – even the ones that have positive impacts on this world: They do not *last*. They are all only of a temporary nature. Yet, the Bible helps us to understand that there is a way you can have a lasting influence. Let’s begin to consider this now.

### Earthly treasures are temporary

To begin, let’s consider what Jesus said in Matthew 6:19. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.” All of the things we have already identified belong to this physical realm – physical wealth, physical possessions, physical accomplishments, and physical memories. They are physical treasures.

And, although the Bible does teach us about the good that can be accomplished through these and the potential they have for helping us lay up spiritual treasures, Jesus' is showing a contrast in Matthew 6:19-20. Rather than being focused on physical things that fulfill temporary purposes, He wants us to be focused on spiritual things that have eternal blessings! You see, the main problem with *focusing* in the areas we have been discussing relative to leaving a legacy is that these things will not last! At most, they will only last for the duration of life on their earth. And, they will only last this long in very rare cases. Still, their impact will diminish over time.

Let me begin addressing this issue by clearly stating that God does not condemn these physical types of legacies – in and of themselves. Instead, He wants you to recognize that these types of legacies are just not the ones that truly matter or last. For instance, Ecclesiastes 3:22 says, “So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?” Similarly, Ecclesiastes 5:18-19 says, “Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage. As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor – this is the gift of God.” So, it is entirely good and proper to make use of the physical things God has blessed you with and to leave some legacies that pertain to this physical realm.

However, you have to understand that these are only temporary. And, in the full scope of things, they are actually meaningless. That is the point Jesus wants you to understand in Matthew 6:19. The physical treasures you accumulate for yourself can be stolen, they rust, they decay, they can be moth-eaten, etc. And, ultimately, they will not survive this physical life. Then, if these things are true concerning your own physical treasures, you need to recognize that the same thing is true whenever you leave your physical treasures as a legacy. They simply will not last. Let's see this demonstrated in two passages of Scripture.

First, consider Ecclesiastes 2:18-23. Note that this passage comes after the writer recognized that all the work he had done was useless (vanity) and like “grasping the wind” (verse 17). “Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.”

You can work yourself “to the bone” throughout your whole life to accumulate physical wealth to leave for your children/grandchildren, you can work tirelessly to carefully maintain your earthly possessions and property, you can devote every moment of your life to accomplishing something that will impact the physical lives of others in a positive way, and you can spend every waking moment building good memories with people who are around you. But, the end is the same – death. And, you will have no control over what those who inherit what you have left behind will do with your “legacy.” Yes, even the memory of those who die will eventually be forgotten. Ecclesiastes 9:5 says, “For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten.”

Second, consider the truths Jesus taught in His parable about a rich fool. Though the parable does not directly speak about the legacies man often tries to leave, it does identify some truths that are absolutely essential to recognize and apply to this subject. Interestingly, Jesus teaches this parable in response to an individual who said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me” (Luke 12:13). As commonly experienced, even when physical inheritances are left, those who are living often fight greedily over what's left! But,

Jesus warned this man, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses” (Luke 12:15). Then, Jesus taught this parable.

Luke 12:16-21 says, “Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, “What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?” So he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?” So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Both those who are preparing to leave physical legacies and those who are going to inherit another’s physical legacy need to recognize the truths contained in this passage. They are the same basic truths contained in Matthew 6:19-20. Physical treasures will not last. The rich man in Jesus’ parable is pictured as working diligently to reach a point he could “take it easy” in his life. However, his earthly life ended – and everything he had worked for went to someone else. But, this is not just true for you and should impact your life. It should also impact your ideas about leaving a legacy. You should recognize that this same truth applies to everyone who lives or will live. No matter what kind of physical legacy you leave, the most it can produce is a physical result during the time others live on this earth. So, Jesus encouraged those who were listening to Him to focus on being spiritually rich (rich toward God) rather than being physically rich. And, the same thing should be applied to the legacy you attempt to leave.

### **Spiritual treasures are eternal**

Look now at Matthew 6:20. In contrast with laying up treasures on earth that are only temporary, Jesus said, “but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Spiritual (heavenly) treasures are stored up whenever an individual lives according to the instructions of God

in the pages of the Bible. But, in order to focus on accumulating these kinds of treasures and leaving a legacy that helps others store up their own heavenly treasures, you must recognize some things.

First, you must recognize that there is something beyond this physical life. If this physical life is all that there is to a person’s existence, then it would be good to “live life to the fullest” and leave as much of a physical legacy as possible. However, the same Bible that provides assurance of physical death also provides assurance of life after physical death. Once again, Hebrews 9:27 says, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.” Many Bible passages teach that there will be a continued spiritual existence after life on this earth ends.

Second, each person will reap what he/she sows. Listen to Galatians 6:7-8: “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” The Bible speaks of two possible eternal destinations – Heaven and Hell. And, this passage (among many others) ties how an individual lives on this earth with the place he/she will spend eternity. So, if an individual lives to please God, he/she will have “eternal life” in Heaven. However, if an individual lives to please his/her own fleshly desires, he/she will experience the eternal “corruption” in Hell fire. Matthew 25:46 simply pictures the wicked going “away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous in eternal life” after everyone will be judged for how they have lived life on this earth.

Third, God’s word fully equips a person to receive imperishable blessings. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” Romans 1:16 says that the “gospel of Christ” is “the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.” No man’s wealth, accomplishments, possessions, wisdom, or any other thing will be able to save his soul or anyone else’s soul from the eternal punishment of Hell and give everlasting life in Heaven! Only the message of

God's word is able to give an individual everything he/she needs to know to be saved.

Fourth, the only thing that really matters is living to fear God and keep His commandments. After the book of Ecclesiastes demonstrates the truth that pursuing physical things during the course of life on this earth is vanity (useless), consider the conclusion that is offered in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil." Your entire purpose in life and the only thing that really matters is to fear God and keep His commandments. And, this is also true for everybody else who lives or ever will live on this earth!

Now, certainly these essential truths ought to transform the way you think about your legacy. You can (as we have discussed) devote your life to leaving a physical legacy that will impact some people during their physical lives. However, as time passes and individuals pass from this life to the next, your legacy will fade or entirely be lost. Or, you can devote yourself to storing up treasures in Heaven – and helping others do the same. This kind of legacy will last forever – as both you and those you have impacted will spend eternity in Heaven!

## ***How To Leave A Lasting Legacy***

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Hopefully you now recognize that your focus should be on leaving a legacy that *lasts* – as the kind of legacy that will help others live eternally in Heaven is the only kind of legacy that truly matters! But, the question about legacy then becomes a question about *how* to leave a legacy that lasts. Let's consider two things that are involved.

### **Leave an example of godly living**

The gospel of Jesus Christ teaches you everything you need to know in order to live in the way that is approved of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). You should be devoted to studying this saving

message (first and foremost) so that you can apply it to your own life, live in the way God desires for you to live, and have eternal life in Heaven yourself.

Then, as you do this in your own life, you will also be showing an example for others who are living around you. The Bible teaches the power of such examples of godly living. Consider just a few passages with me. First, consider Hebrews chapter 11. This chapter is full of individuals who have left legacies involving their faith in God. The chapter speaks of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, and Samuel all by name. Then, as the Hebrew writer encourages you to think about their examples of faith (along with other examples), he says that these individuals should help to encourage you to run your own race with faith and endurance (see Hebrews 12:1-2). Thus, their godly examples are timeless examples of faith that have helped and encouraged many to live in ways that are pleasing to God!

Second, consider Mary. In Mark 14:3-9, a woman (who is identified as Mary in John 12:2-3) came to Jesus "having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head." Yet, while she was doing this, there were some who criticized her for wasting this fragrant oil that was worth about 300 days wages. Yet, consider the words of Jesus. Jesus said that she had "done a good work for Me." And, that she had "done what she could." Therefore, Jesus said, "wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her." This woman recognized that Jesus was not just a man. Therefore, she was determined to do what she could to serve Him. This woman's example continues to be spoken about long after she performed her deed. And, her godly example continues to encourage people to do what they can do to serve the Lord.

Third, Joshua's faith in God and his dedication to serve God in his family has encouraged families for thousands of years. For instance, Joshua was trying to encourage the Israelite people to serve God and put away the idols from their lives when he declared, "And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will

serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose lands you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15). This godly example of Joshua standing for God with his family (even if it meant standing alone) has inspired other families to do the same!

Fourth, consider the general statement made by Jesus in Matthew 5:14-16. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” An individual’s godly example is so powerful that it can influence others to make the decision to glorify God in their own lives (see 1 Peter 3:1-2).

Now, as you consider the power of a godly example, I want you to consider the legacies others have left you in this way. If you have been around those who were truly devoted to serving God in their lives, you will surely be able to recall the examples they have left you. Perhaps these examples encourage you regularly to serve God faithfully through trials. Perhaps these examples encourage you to be bold. Perhaps these examples encourage you to push a little harder in your own service to God. Perhaps these examples encourage you to do what you are capable of doing. Thanks, praise, and glory be to God for the lives they lived of faithful obedience and the examples they left!

Then, as you put names with the people who have influenced you through their godly examples, I want you to consider whether you are leaving this kind of powerful legacy of godly living for others. After your life on this earth ends, will others be encouraged by your faithful example to live for the Lord? Consider Hebrews 11:4. “By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.” Yes, even when you die, your godly example can continue to speak words of encouragement for years to come!

## Teach God’s ways

A second way you can leave a lasting legacy is by teaching others the saving message of the gospel you have believed and obeyed. You see, it is God’s intention for His saving message to be taught by those who have believed and obeyed it. 1 Corinthians 1:21 says that “it pleased God through the foolishness of the messaged preached to save those who believe.”

I want you to begin by generally considering how the gospel’s message is spread so that others can be saved from their sins and have eternal life in Heaven when their earthly lives are over. Consider 2 Timothy 2:1-2: “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” One person teaches another, who teaches another. This is God’s plan that is capable of making all people aware of His saving message.

So, I want you to consider how you can leave a legacy that matters by teaching others the gospel of Jesus Christ. First, understand that your responsibility is *not* in the results of the preaching. That is, your responsibility is just to preach God’s saving message. You are *not* responsible for whether people believe and obey it. But, when you fulfill your responsibility and preach God’s message, anyone who believes and obeys it will be saved. So, although you do not save anybody, you can have a lasting impact on another through teaching him/her the gospel’s message because you will have contributed (in a small way) to the eternal salvation of his/her soul. And, this is true for everyone you teach who believes and obeys God’s message. Then, as 2 Timothy 2:2 illustrates, those you have taught should also be working to teach others. The result may be even more who will believe and obey the gospel so as to be saved. These should also go and teach others. And, the same sequence should continue happening. Therefore, even though (after time passes) those who are eventually taught and obey the gospel of Christ so as to be saved may not know your name or what you have done, you will continue to have a legacy through them – as you will have played a small role in their eternal salvations!



Some of the Bible writers even viewed those they taught and worked to influence with the gospel as children. While this was not done as some kind of religious title system or hierarchy, it simply demonstrated their love for one another and the impact they had. For instance, the apostle Paul used this language with Timothy. 2 Timothy 2:1 demonstrated this to be true. In 1 Corinthians 4:15, Paul told the Corinthians, “For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.” Then, verse 17 says, “For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.” Thus, as Paul had labored in teaching others the gospel of Jesus Christ during his earthly life, consider that he told the Philippians to hold fast “the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain” (Philippians 2:16). Paul recognized that there would be a Day when Jesus would return and those he had worked to teach would be saved if they held to God’s word in their lives. And, he greatly desired (out of his love for the Lord and for them) that his work of teaching the gospel would not be for nothing (in relation to their salvations).

Another practical example of leaving this kind of legacy by teaching God’s word is found in Titus 2. Titus 2:1-8 identifies some age-specific responsibilities in the church. But, for the purpose of this lesson, I want to specifically consider that those who are “older women” have the responsibility to “admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed” (verses 4-5). First, these women would leave their own godly examples (see verse 3). Then, they would be active in teaching the good things (verse 3) that are identified in verses 4-5. Now, in doing so, not only would these godly older women impact those younger women to be who God desired for them to be. But, they would also impact future generations of young women – as these things would then be taught to generation after generation!

Finally, the greatest opportunity individuals have to teach the gospel of Christ and leave this kind of legacy that matters is through teaching one’s own family (particularly, his/her children and grandchildren). Although you still have opportunity to teach others who you come into contact with, teaching those in your own household is the most direct opportunity you have to impact a single person and to impact generations for all of eternity!

Consider Psalm 127:3-5. “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.” Children are a wonderful blessing from God to parents. They provide an opportunity to train part of a new generation in the way that God would be glorified and will positively impact the salvation of souls in the future. Though there are many passages that identify this as being true, consider the following as examples.

First, consider Deuteronomy 6:6-9. “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Second, consider Psalm 78:1-8. “Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments; And

may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation that did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God.”

Third, consider Ephesians 6:4. “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

Like Timothy, who was taught by his mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5), take some time to reflect on who it was who taught you the gospel of Christ. Then, consider who taught that person/those people. Continue going back the line until you do not know any other names. Challenge yourself to see how some have attempted to leave a legacy that matters in *you* – and how their legacies will continue (in part) as you teach the gospel to others.

Then, as you put names with the people who have taught you, I want you to consider whether you are leaving this kind of powerful legacy by teachings others. After your life on this earth ends, will others continue to be persuaded to follow the Lord (in small part) because you taught the gospel while you lived on this earth?

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## Conclusion

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People focus a great deal on the kind of legacy they will leave once their earthly lives end. But, as you consider the impact you can have on this world, recognize that the greatest kind of impact is not physical. Instead, it is spiritual. Determine, first, that you will live your life in faithful obedience to God. Then, determine that you will spend your life influencing as many as you can to live their lives for the Lord. In doing this, you will leave the only legacy that really matters and (most importantly) God will be glorified through you during your life and even after!

## Study Questions

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Why are people concerned about leaving a legacy?

### 1. Some Common Legacies

List some common legacies that people try to leave.

### 2. A Legacy That Lasts

Why do all legacies that are based on earthly things fail to have a lasting impact?

How and why do legacies that are based on spiritual things last?

### 3. How To Leave A Lasting Legacy

How will a godly example help you leave a lasting legacy?

How will teaching God’s ways help you leave a lasting legacy?

**\*Are you leaving a legacy that matters? Explain the legacy you are leaving for others.**