

Legacy Sunday

“Passing the Baton: Building a Legacy That Lasts”

Text: Titus 2:1-8

Building a Legacy:

A godly legacy isn't measured by what we leave behind for the next generation but by what we instill in them. God's plan has always been for faith to be passed from one generation to the next, with each generation teaching, strengthening, and preparing those who follow. This is foundational to biblical discipleship. This shifts the focus from material to spiritual inheritance. It naturally connects to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Titus 2; David and his mighty men; and the Psalm 127 vision of children as arrows.

Legacy – gifts passed down from one generation to the next, which add value or wealth; money, property, values, tradition (cultural or spiritual), and discipleship; leading to favor with God and people.

One of Satan's greatest weapons to destroy the world is the "**generation gap**". God's plan is for generational unity. Without connecting children, parents, and grandparents, there can be no legacy and no future. We need each other!

Areas to explore when building a lasting legacy.

1. What is the role of the older generation?
 - The older generation is to teach, train, and mentor the younger generation.
 - Abram, Isaac, and Jacob were more concerned with passing on a spiritual legacy than with material possessions.
 - Read 1 Sam. 22:1-2 – David saw the potential in these men and invested in them. We, too, should recognize the potential of the younger generation and invest in them.
2. How does our lifestyle affect our children and spiritual children? (Prov. 20:7)
 - Legacy begins in the home, and it spreads to the church when we put our homes together (Deut. 4:9; 6:6-9).
3. What role does the younger generation play?

- The younger generation needs the wisdom, experience, historical perspective, maturity, stability, encouragement, and character of the older generation.
- The older generation needs the creativity, fresh perspective, strength, enthusiasm, energy, flexibility, and teachability of the younger generation.
- The younger generation is responsible for encouraging their siblings.
- The younger generation is responsible for walking humbly.
 - They must recognize that they do not know, nor do they have the experience or wisdom of the older generation.

- They are responsible for honoring the older generation.
 - They must recognize that they have what they have because previous generations have sacrificed their time, talent, and treasure.

- They are responsible for pouring into those younger than they are (1 Tim. 4:12).

Valuing Each Other:

How do we value each other?

Celebrate each other's differences. Compliment rather than compete with one another.

Call to Action:

1. Record for 2 weeks how you use each waking hour.
2. Seek the Holy Spirit for a vision on how to align your time with God's will.
3. Be willing to change things in your home to grow your family legacy.