

The Attic: Building a Lasting Legacy

2 Timothy 1:5-6; Psalm 89:1; Hebrews 11

Introduction: Most of us want to live for something that is larger than our temporal life. Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells us that this human urge to live for something bigger is from God. *He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart.* The Bible teaches us that we were made for something big. That “something” that will outlast your life is called your LEGACY.

Five road signs that will guide you in leaving a lasting legacy:

1. Your legacy will be built over time. ***Proverbs 10:9***
2. Everyone must leave a legacy. ***Ecclesiastes 12:1, 6, 7***
3. You choose what kind of legacy you will leave. ***Proverbs 10:7***
4. Your legacy is not the things you leave but who you are. ***Ecclesiastes 2:18-19***
5. Your lasting legacy will not be seen in your lifetime. ***Ecclesiastes 6:12***

Three flawed legacies:

1. The legacy of power and prestige instead of humble service
2. The legacy of accomplishments instead of a track record of relationships with people
3. The legacy of material possessions instead of eternal investments

Four giant steps in leaving a legacy of blessing:

1. Live your life by faith in God and not merely by human sight. ***Hebrews 11:1, 2***
2. Obey God and faithfully move forward without having to know the final outcome. ***Hebrews 11:8***
3. Bravely face trials and adversity trusting in God. ***Hebrews 11:24-26***

4. Trust God for blessings that extend beyond your lifetime. ***Hebrews 11:13, 22***

Conclusion:

How important is it for you to leave a legacy of faith that lasts? Future generations depend on it...the future of your family hinges on it.