

Legacy - 2

LEGACY IS WHAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND AND SET INTO MOTION.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10 ESV

LEGACY CONSISTS OF 2 THINGS: TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS.

THE WISEMEN CAME TO WORSHIP AND LEFT THE GIFT OF A LEGACY.

*"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, **wise men** from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have **come to worship Him**.'" Matthew 2:1-2 NKJV*

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:10-11 NKJV

"An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning will not be blessed at the end." Proverbs 20:21 NIV

What kind of legacy do you want to leave?

1. LEGACY THINKING IS STARTING WITH THE END IN MIND.

"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." 1 Corinthians 3:5-7 NKJV

"Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

1 Corinthians 3:8-15 NKJV

2. LEGACY THINKING IS PLANNING MEANINGFUL GIFTS.

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NKJV