Leaving a Spiritual Legacy

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Psalm 71:17-18

Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Psalm 78:2-5

I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the <u>next generation</u> the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, we will tell of his power, and the wonders he has done.

EPHESIANS 5

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

Therefore do not be partners with them.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

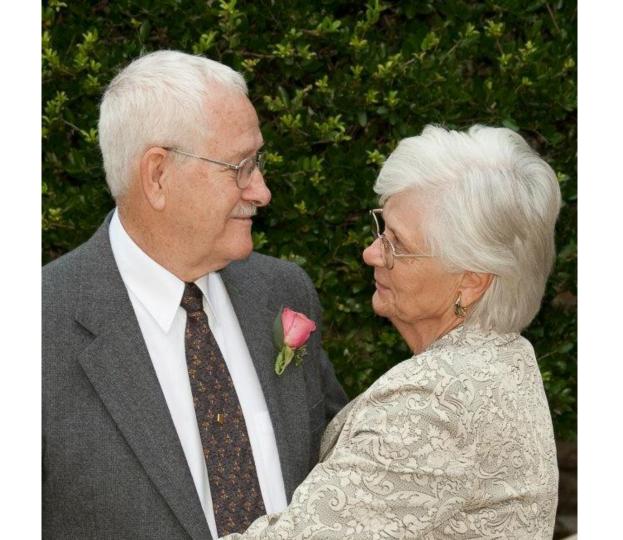
Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.





2 Corinthians 2:14

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.



1 Peter 2:9-10 The Message (MSG)

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 6:25

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we wear?'

For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

People Leaving Strong Spiritual Legacies....

- 1. Acknowledge and Reinforce Spiritual Realities
- 2. View God as a Personal, Caring Being Who is to be Both Loved and Respected
- 3. Make Spiritual Activities a Routine Aspect of Life
- 4. Talks About Spiritual Issues as a Means of Reinforcing Spiritual Commitments
- 5. Clarifies Timeless Truth, Maintains Right from Wrong
- 6. Incorporates Spiritual Principles into Everyday Living

Isaiah 55:10-11

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

so is my word that goes out from my mouth:

It will not return to me empty,

but it will accomplish what I desire

and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

IN CHRIST – I AM ACCEPTED

- I am God's child. John 1:12
- I am a friend of Jesus Christ, John 15:15
- I have been justified and accepted by God. Romans 5:1
- I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit. 1 Cor. 6:17
- I have been bought with a price. And I belong to God. 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- I am a member of Christ's body. 1 Cor. 12:27
- I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. Colossians 1:13-14
- I am COMPLETE in Christ. Col. 2:9-10
- I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus. Hebrews 4:14

IN CHRIST – I AM SECURE

I am free from condemnation. Romans 8:1-2
I am sure that God works for my good in all circumstances.

Romans 8:28
I cannot be separated from the love of God. Romans 8:31

I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God.

2 Cor. 1:21

I am hidden with Christ in God. Col. 3:1

I am confident that God will complete the good work he started in me.

Philip. 1:6

I am a citizen of heaven. Philip 3:20

I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me. 1 John 5:18

IN CHRIST – I AM SIGNIFICANT

I am the branch of Jesus, the true vine, and I'm a channel of his life. John 15:5

I am God's Temple – His glory lives in me. 1 Cor. 3:16

I am a minister of reconciliation for God. 2 Cor. 5:17

I am seated with Jesus in the Heavenly realm. Eph. 2:6

I am God's masterpiece, created to do works prepared in advance.

Eph. 2:10

I may approach God with freedom and confidence. Eph. 3:12

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philip. 4:13

I am an heir of God, and co-heir with Christ. Gal. 4:7

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. John 15:16

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