

In search of...A Legacy

Matthew 4:12-13, 17

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Matthew 11:1-6

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Definition: Legacy

1. A bequest made in will. Money or property left to somebody in a will.
2. Something that is handed down or remains from a previous generation or time.

When in search of a legacy, we ask....

1. What will I leave behind? How will I be remembered?

A definition of success—

“Those closest to me who know me best, love and respect me most!”

Not fame but character. Not accomplishments but faithfulness.

Who is Harry Peelor?

“I’m not afraid of being a failure, but I am afraid of being successful at something that doesn’t really matter.” —anonymous

When in search of a legacy, we ask...

2. What about children?

Little boys often run naked in Honduras

Genesis 15:1-6. Abram and Eliezer of Damascus

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

—Genesis 15:1

What about successful children?

**Parents cannot always take credit for the success of their children.
Parents cannot always take the blame for their children’s failures.**

When in search of a legacy, a better question to ask is...

3. Did I do my part? Was I **faithful**?

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” —Ephesians 2:10

“Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” —Psalm 37:4

“A man can receive only what is given him from heaven.” —John 3:27

The rattling of keys at the door. Mark 6:21-29

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!’ —Matthew 25:23

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” —2 Timothy 4:7

The best way to leave a spiritual legacy is to...

- Live a godly life.
- Live a life in a personal, living relationship with God through Christ.
- Live a life fully surrendered to Jesus Christ.