

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

David - Part 9 - Leaving a legacy

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Introduction

Despite David's personal failures, he left an incredible legacy that matched the calling of God upon his life. David rose to become an accomplished poet, musician, warrior, military leader and ultimately king. But it wasn't just about what he accomplished, God referred to David as a "man after God's own heart" – i.e. he was remembered for his integrity, godliness and faithfulness towards God. The biblical account states several times that "for the sake of David" and despite the mishaps of his decedents, God continue to bless them and they continued to rule for another 350 years. His name is mentioned 990 times in the Bible, more so that anyone person apart from Jesus. In fact Jesus himself was referred to as "the Root and Offspring of David" (Rev 22:16).

How can we live our lives and make the right decisions to leave a good legacy?

Read I Chronicles 18:6, 13 ; 2 Kings 8:19; Acts 13:22-23

Discuss

1. Is there a person whose legacy you have been inspired by? Share this briefly.
2. Read Luke 4:17-19; 1 John 3:8. What is the spiritual legacy that Jesus left us?
3. "Your story will be written by the decisions you make". Share an example of a critical decision you made to put God first resulted in a legacy left for others even though it may have costed you personally.

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4. Read 1 Corinthians 3:8, Ephesians 6:8 This verse teaches us that there is a heavenly reward for our works during our time on earth. Share something that you are investing your time and energy which will leave a spiritual impact for others.
5. Legacy is about leaving a positive impact the lives of others which outlives our own. What are some types of ministries that you know of which has an impact for all eternity? For example, how does sharing discipling someone towards putting their trust in Jesus have a lasting and wide impact?
6. Imagine you are celebrating your 90th birthday with loved ones. What are some things you would like them to say about you?

Respond

Acts 13:36 states that “ For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers”. We are all called to serve the purposes of God in our generation and leave a legacy behind for the next generation.

What is one thing or person you can start to invest in to create a spiritual legacy for the next generation?