

Leaving a Legacy

2 Timothy 2:2

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With the New Year comes much reflection and often many New Year's Resolutions. In fact, studies show that of all the New Year's Resolutions made, 97% are eventually abandoned. In addition, these resolutions are centered solely on self and have little or no impact on others around us.

This week we are taking a much different approach to New Year's Resolutions. No longer is it New Year's "Resolutions" but a New Year's "Resolution" and this "Resolution" is about having a commitment to Legacy. A person's Legacy is much bigger than self or I and ultimately frames our actions, goals and provides a context for our annual resolutions.

Legacy:

What Legacy is not: Recollections, Memories, Traditions. These are all great aspects of life but they have little or no impact on the investment in someone else's life.

What Legacy is: Depositing who you are into the lives of others, in this Life and Beyond.

Questions

1. How are you guarding the influential words that come out of your mouth? What does this scripture verse statement mean to you (2Tim. 1:14)? How can your words breathe life / death into someone?
2. If you were on trial, would your actions reveal enough evidence to represent your true beliefs in Christ? How would your wife (your children, your co-workers) answer this question if they were called to the witness stand to testify about you? Explain.
3. Name some people who have influenced your life. How? When you observe the people in your realm of influence (we all are influencers – people are watching us), name some individuals who you can begin to pour your life into. Explain the difference between mentoring to some and modeling to many?
4. In life and in our walk with Christ we never stay at the same maturity level. It's important to have individuals within your interest and learning levels who can be a model to you. Who are some individuals (distant or close) in which you are studying their life? Why?
5. The best conclusion of a Life's Legacy is to have others study your life. Have you been privileged to have people study your life? Explain? If not, what are you doing to insure your life is demonstrating a life that could be studied in the future by others?

Closing Remarks: ***Live Life with a purpose... Live a Legacy, Leave a Legacy.***