

## ● WARM UP

A legacy is defined as: 1. Money or property bequeathed to another by will or 2. Something handed down from an ancestor or a predecessor or from the past.

Legacies are rare and special gifts from one person to another, from one generation to the next. As Christians we should seek to leave a lasting legacy of godliness for those who come behind us.

There are two motivations to get down on our knees and repent of our unconfessed sin: firstly, to be right with God personally and secondly, so that those who came after us are not influenced by our sin. We have been blessed to be a blessing and the legacy of our life should be just that – a blessing to those we share time with on this Earth and to those who follow.



## ● READ Proverbs 13:22

## ● BACKGROUND

We live in an age of moral vacuum. It seems like character doesn't count. To put it candidly, you can sleep around and still be a good brain surgeon. You can cheat on your mate and have little trouble continuing to practise law. Apparently it is no problem to stay in politics and plagiarise. You can be a successful salesperson and cheat on your income tax.

We have allowed this attitude to permeate throughout Christianity. The perception is that you can do these things and still be a good Christian. But the reality is you cannot do those things as a Christian and continue enjoying the Lord's blessing.

(Adapted from C. Swindoll)

## ● QUESTIONS

1 Proverbs 22:1 says *"A good name [literally "character"] is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold"*. When other men look at your current life pattern what do you think they see?

2 2 Peter 1:5 says *"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue [moral excellence or character]..."* What one thing can you do today to add virtue into your life?

3 2 Timothy 1:5 says *"...when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also."* When you look at your family line what pattern do you see?

4 Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7. How are you going in the training and instruction of your children?

**What is God saying to me?**

## ● LET'S PRAY

## ● REAL LIFE STORIES OF GOD'S POWER



*Bill Subritzky prayed for me [for asthma] and he delivered me from a spirit of fear which I had from when I was a kid. From that day forward I have never had to use an inhaler because of my asthma. I've been healed. Praise God, it's so awesome!*

Jesse

## ● CONSIDER THIS

The truth is your character will impact generations to come.

One man, Max Jukes, did not believe in religion and married a girl of the same opinion. From this union came 1,026 descendants. Studies showed that 300 died prematurely; 100 were sent to the penitentiary; 190 sold themselves to vice; 100 were drunkards and the family cost the state of New York \$1,100,000.00!

Another man, Jonathan Edwards, believed in God and married a girl of like character. From that union 729 descendants were studied and they discovered that 300 were preachers, 65 were college professors, 13 were university presidents; 6 were authors; 3 were US Congressmen and one was vice president of the United States.

It is never too late to make a decision to leave a better legacy.