

THE LEGACY OF A FATHER By Jarrod Davidoff June 19, 2022

I'm going to be speaking about the LEGACY OF A FATHER.

A legacy is the impact and accomplishment that you made in life and what inheritance in people's lives you leave behind.

Your children are what you leave behind.

Your business.

Your ministry.

Did you add value here on earth?

Can they point to you and say he or she is great because of X, Y, AND, Z and you are one of them.

You are only great when you help make someone else great or something great.

Those of you who give your time, treasure and talents to ETERNITY CHURCH and STWF are great.

In order to understand the LEGACY of a FATHER you need to understand THE LOVE OF GOD.

God's heart towards us is love. Many people have lied about God or given Him a false image.

John 10:10 I have come to give you life and more abundantly'

Psalm 91:1-5 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions (FEATHERS) , and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

SO HERE WE CAN SEE THAT GOD IS POWERFUL AND WANTS TO PROTECT US. I LIKE THAT. GOD IS A PROTECTOR OF HIS CHILDREN.

Mark 10:13-16 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

You can tell a lot about a person by the way they treat children and here JESUS shows His love for children and how He values them.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

HIS SACRIFICE FOR US WAS THE ULTIMATE PORTRAYAL OF HIS LOVE.

1 John 4:8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

NOW THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT GOD IS A GOD OF LOVE AND THAT HE LOVES HIS CREATION.

LET US NOW LOOK AT THE LOVE A HUMAN FATHER SHOULD HAVE TOWARDS HIS CHILDREN.

HERE ARE SOME KEYS THAT WILL HELP YOU AS A FATHER LEAVE A LEGACY

1. THE HEART OF A FATHER IS TO LOVE HIS CHILD/CHILDREN

Many men have had kids, but they have abandoned them, ignored them, used and abused them, BUT these are not men, they are cowards.

It takes time, hard work, tenacity, discipline, self sacrifice-THE LIST GOES ON to be a dad.

As fathers we need to love our kids, even if we didn't get it ourselves from our fathers as kids.

We need to break that family curse and cycle.

So many kids in outreaches share their abuse and neglect.

I tell my kids a few times a day; look me in the eyes, I hug them, speak life over them, support them encourage them.

Proverbs 17:6 ...the glory of children is their fathers.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

THE PRODIGAL SON

We read about the prodigal son in Luke 15:11 to 21

Luke 15:20 But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. **21** And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. **23** And bring the fatted calf

here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; **24** for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

Even though his son deserted his father, his father embraced him and celebrated his return.

2. THE HEART OF A FATHER IS TO DISCIPLE OR TRAIN HIS CHILD

We need to be intentional as Fathers in training our children

In the word.

In the world.

In their calling.

I was a tennis coach for 8 years and came out of retirement to train just by boys. REPETITION is the mother of study. Muscle memory.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

We need to be intentional. We don't want the media and false voices so we must teach them

Psalms 127:3-5 Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

I said to my kids that I'm coming out of retirement to train the 2 best tennis players in the world. I said to them that I don't train average. That's in tennis but life.

I'm training you to be men of God, Champions. Eternity Church and save the world foundation. We aim to lead 1 billion souls to Jesus.

Isaiah 54:13 All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Our kids must see everything through the prism of the Word of God.

MY KIDS

-Sharing stories about David, Joseph, Daniel, Samson, Apostles, PART OF THE FAMILY.

-Guys you can do what they did

-bible reading

-bible quiz, asking them questions and then repeating

-sharing about the Lord.

I train them to play tennis as I used to be a coach.

Eli was a prophet of God who didn't train his children and as a result God took the priesthood from his lineage.

Paul said to Timothy **2 Timothy 1:5** 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.

2 Timothy 3:14-15 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

I have started training Cody and Zac how to:

1. Work hard and have self discipline

2. Sacrifice (Tennis 3 hours a day, 4-5 days a week), music lessons. How did you do it?

Someone asked me last week if they love tennis. I said they haven't got a choice. They love tennis, they love winning trophies. Zac said when am I gonna get a trophy. You have to win the tournament or be runner up. There are no participation awards. We are not raising snowflakes here.

3. Be my successors of Save the World Foundation

4. Tithing and giving

Bought them Elon Musk's autobiography

Rich dad poor dad for kids

CashFlow (money version of Monopoly)

3. THE HEART OF A FATHER IS TO CORRECT HIS CHILD

Please do me a favor and discipline your kids.

We don't want to hear screaming kids in malls, kids talking in movies, kids beating up kids

-you had them, now you raise them

-You can't outsource it to the school, the church...

Your child is not your buddy. Your child is your child, your disciple, your legacy.

You better correct them now or they will become defiant, unruly, little delinquents.

Part of training is correcting. Best to correct when they are young and pliable. It's tough to change bad habits. It can be done, but best start now.

If we let our kids go unchecked they start forming little attitudes that become habit then essence. We need to correct them in love.

Speak life to them.

Proverbs 13:24 Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.

Hebrew word for “rod” (shebet) one can see that in the **Hebrew** dictionary it has various meanings, a stick for walking, writing, fighting, ruling, and punishment. The word “shebet” is most frequently used when referring to shepherds who are tending their flocks.

It's to guide them in the right direction.

4. THE HEART OF A FATHER IS TO PROVIDE FOR HIS CHILD

So many men father kids but neglect them. It's your duty as a man to provide for your family.

You gotta do what you gotta do.

You have to be a really low individual to neglect your kids. Especially basic human rights like food, a place to stay, security, and education.

I want to encourage you as children who have parents to be grateful for all they have ever given you. Meals, food, vacations, clothes, cars, some even houses.

For you fathers and parents that love your kids I want to bless you and say well done for looking after your kids and for trying your best to provide for them.

I know in my life my mom had to work hard earning a humble salary to look after and raise my sister and I.

When Lucinda and I got married our moms were widows and couldn't afford to pay for our wedding YET GOD provided. My heavenly Father stepped in.

90% Room discount in \$500 a night room

50% food discount on wedding

Venue was free

Wedding dress

My suite

Honeymoon-2 weeks 90% discount

Even in recent years things have even been tough on us in ministry. There have been times when our personal bank account was small to slim. As a father the devil can make you feel so small and attacks one's self image and ability to provide.

Yet when all is said and done we look to the Lord who is our provider. As a tither we have tithing rights where He promises to rebuke the devourer.

Yet unfortunately some human fathers have just left their kids when mama is pregnant. This is so wrong. If your dad left when you were young that was wrong and it must have been very hard for you.

Allow God to heal you

I GIVE MY KIDS A MONTHLY GIFT. They are very Jewish as they never spend any of it.

-THEY TITHE ON IT

-Cody even took \$1000 to give for the building

Proverbs 19:14 House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

As men we need to work. That means bringing finances into the home to take care of your home.

That means working 2-3 jobs if that's what it takes.

As you are faithful and diligent the Lord will bless you.

GREATEST WAY TO BE BLESSED: TITHING

I teach my boys to tithe and give.

Cody recently said dad I want to give \$1000 to the Lord.

That's a big part of his life savings. I must admit I waited about 2 weeks and he said dad did give my \$1,000 to the Lord.

I said no I will. About a week later he said dad did you give my \$1,000 to the Lord. Lucinda went that day and transferred from his account to the church.

We have been believing for great coaches to come around Cody for tennis and he now has 4 of us training him 8 hours a week for the fraction a quarter the cost of a coach as the Lord touched these coaches.

Proverbs 17:6 Children's children *are* the crown of old men,
And the glory of children *is* their father.