

Father's Day
Some Kind of Legacy for Sure
Psalm 145

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God intends His people to leave a legacy, one that is built on the faithfulness of God most fully displayed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

How do you adopt a God-honoring, legacy-leaving lifestyle that on purpose will impact the next generation, your kids, your family and friends, and co-workers?

Intentionally or unintentionally, you leave an imprint. God's people are to be about "intentional" habits that make an imprint on those that follow us.

I. God is worthy of your passionate praise.

Psalm 145:1 "I will extol you, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever."

God is so much more, so much greater than anything else you treasure. His love and His faithfulness can change the course of your dead-end life and any dying dreams that you have.

To tell of His glory is akin to tell of His beauty. Everything we see and enjoy reflects the beauty of God. God gave us ability to see; He is behind it.

II. God's faithful love is greater than any mess you see, any failure you have, any future that is frightening.

Psalm 145:5-9 "On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. ⁶ They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. ⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. ⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made."

When you follow Christ, there is nothing that you face right now, or will face that eternity will not fix.

Life will have stressors. Circumstances will generate stress. When our focus gets fixated on these things, God gets reduced to the size of that anxiety.

Whatever mess, Jesus is bigger. Whatever failure, Jesus forgives. Whatever burden, God is able through Christ to carry that burden.

Psalm 145:14 "The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down."

Psalm 145:18 "The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

III. A lifestyle of God-focused praise and thanksgiving can generate a legacy of God-satisfied contentment.

Every day, God is to be praised. His character is praiseworthy because He is great, good, and He is generous in mercy. His rule is everlasting. Praise is about God's character, not our circumstances.

Psalm 89:1 "I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations."

Every day, God is to be thanked. Thanksgiving gets the focus off you as the source as if you deserve what you have and puts everything in perspective—all that is right in your life and all the moments, God is providentially ruling over.

Psalm 145:10 "All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You!"

When you habitually praise God and open your mouth and give thanks, making His faithfulness known, something happens to you. Peace invades your life and a legacy of contentment begins to be formed.

Philippians 4:4-7 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

God focused praise and thanksgiving changes you and impacts the next generation. If you do these things does God guarantee that your kids will follow Christ and be confident, joyful people? No, but they cannot escape that it was your legacy. They cannot escape the joy that you knew in the Lord. And the confidence you have about life and death. God faithfully saves those that call upon Jesus.