

1 "LEGACY"

Psalm 127:1

Your house will outlast you.

Exodus 19:3 (NIV) Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob ..."

Joshua 17:17 (NIV) But Joshua said to the house of Joseph ...

1 Kings 13:33, 34 (NIV) Even after this, Jeroboam did not change his evil ways, but once more appointed priests for the high places from all sorts of people. Anyone who wanted to become a priest he consecrated for the high places. This was the sin of the house of Jeroboam that led to its downfall and to its destruction from the face of the earth.

2 Chronicles 22:3 (NIV) He too walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother encouraged him in doing wrong.

We create legacies by the way we live.

Exodus 34:6, 7 (NIV) And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."

A generational curse is a sinful and negative way of thinking; a sinful pattern of behavior; a set of sinful, negative attitudes that a person has picked up and carried on spiritually and emotionally from people who have gone before them.

To reverse generational curses we must:

- Recognize them.
- Own them.
- Repent of and renounce them.

- Release people who we feel contributed to them.
- Apply the power of Jesus' shed blood over them.
- Become a committed disciple of Jesus Christ.
- Trust God to take the curse that was meant for evil and turn it to good.

What should be your response to the people who gave you a great legacy?

- Gratitude.
Romans 13:7 (NLT) ... Give respect and honor to all to whom it is due.
- Honor.
Hebrews 6:12 (NIV) We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.
Hebrews 13:7 (NIV) Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Pay attention to the spiritual seeds your plant in your house.

Deuteronomy 6:1, 2 (NIV) These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all His decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NIV) These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

I am building the "house of _____."

What kind of house am I building?