

Lesson Notes:

Leaving a Godly Inheritance

We would all like to leave our children an inheritance. But when we talk of an inheritance we are normally speaking of a monetary inheritance. What is most important in Life is to leave them a Godly inheritance. Below is a list of traits we need to display in our lives so that we can leave our children a Godly inheritance and just not a monetary one:

Scriptural Principles

1) A Desire to Follow Jesus. – In **2 Timothy 1:4-5** Paul expresses his appreciation for Timothy's desire to follow Christ. Paul indicates to Timothy that he can see it in his life. It is an opportunity for us to show our children our love for Christ through the examples that we set in our lives.

2) A Reverence for God's Word – In **2 Timothy 3:16** Paul tells us that the Bible is the inspired word of God and is profitable for teaching and instruction in righteousness. Your children need to see that you hold the word of God in reverence.

3) A Pattern of Obedience. – We see in **2 Chronicles 31:21** that Hezekiah prospered as a result of his obedience toward God's laws. If our children see obedience in our lives than they are most likely going to reflect this obedience in their own life as well.

4) A Faith that overcomes the Trials of Life – **Psalm 66:10** indicates that God refines us through trials and that is his method to mold us into the person that he wants us to be. If our children see us turn to God during our trials in our lives and use our faith to overcome those trials they are more likely to follow our example.

5) A Desire to Serve – One of the most famous statements in the Bible was made by Joshua in **Joshua 24:14-16** when he made the statement, "**As for my house we shall serve the Lord**". Joshua's devotion to God was reflected in his generals for several generations after his death and accession into heaven as they remained devoted to Lord through Joshua's example. If we serve the Lord in our homes like Joshua our children will follow our footsteps.

6) Generosity. – In **Luke 6:38** we see that God rewards those that show generosity toward others. Children need to see this example in us if they are going to be charitable and responsible adults.

7) Sincere Love in the Home. – In **1 Corinthians 13:13** Paul tells us that the greatest gift of God is Love. This should be the greatest gift that we give our children as they learn to extend this gift toward others.