

guide to building your legacy + leading your family

Your life will leave a legacy to those who come behind. The question is: what kind of legacy will you leave? Legacies don't happen by chance—they are built over time and with intention. Here are practical steps to leave a legacy of connection with the people you love most.

guidance + generational influence

Get started by identifying the influences that formed you, the assumptions that live in you, and the people who look to you.

1. How did your grandparents and relatives influence your childhood?
2. Where do you engage and interact with the next generation?
3. What does legacy mean to you?

CHECKLIST TO GUIDE YOUR INFLUENCE WITHIN RELATIONSHIPS

ADULT CHILDREN

- Trust that God loves them and wants good for them.
- Adapt your role in their lives as they grow and change.
- Seek to champion them, not control them.
- Provide compassionate guidance, when requested and welcomed.
- Exercise active and non-judgemental listening.
- Communicate to get clear on expectations and responsibilities.

GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES, AND NEPHEWS

- Set a positive example.
- Show them your support.
- Respect and reinforce rules their parents set in place.
- Provide care within the boundaries you're comfortable with.
- Share memorable experiences.

EXTENDED FAMILY

- Encourage reconciliation when conflicts occur.
- Send cards to celebrate special occasions: birthdays and anniversaries.
- Show up for special gatherings like weddings, reunions, and funerals.
- Allow others to serve you, when needed.
- Consider your roles and responsibilities among your youngest relatives to your oldest.

pray for your people:

God, thank you for giving me a life full of people to love and lead. King David wrote in Psalm 16:2, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." Because of you, my life is full of good things that I can share with others. Will you show me how to pass on your goodness to my family? Help me leave a legacy that points them to you. Amen.