

The Legacy of a Man

1 Chronicles 7:30-40

Introduction

The book of 1 Chronicles introduces us to Asher and his lineage as the son of Jacob. A father himself, Asher was born into a family with a lot of confusion; his father had several wives and concubines and had children from each of these various women. Some might say that, based on his upbringing, the odds were against Asher to succeed in Godly manhood.

A legacy is similar to a baton in a relay race. No matter how fast a runner is moving, if the baton is not passed from one runner to the next, the team cannot win. If a man does not pass the knowledge of God on to future generations in his family, that family will suffer. God's perspective on our lives is necessary for men to be the visionaries He calls them to be. Men who position themselves correctly under the Lord and answer to Him are able to establish a proper foundation and set a standard for the boys in their families to follow.

Despite the example left by his father, Asher was intentional in leaving a greater legacy for future generations. He taught his four sons valuable lessons on leadership, faith, and obedience to the will of God. As leaders of their own households, Asher's sons were able to continue the legacy for their children.

As we see in Asher's life, a man's past does not have to determine his future. God can take anyone from a bad yesterday and bring him to a brand new tomorrow. Generational consequences stop when a man recognizes God's role as head of his life and is intentional about the legacy he is leaving.

Getting Started

Dr. Evans mentioned that leaving a legacy for the next three generations is one of the responsibilities of biblical manhood.

Read Judges 2:10 and think about your influence on the younger generations in your family. Make a list of three additional things you can do this week to share and demonstrate the knowledge of God with them.

Let's Get Personal

A man is to his family what a quarterback is to a football team. If someone on the opposing team disables the quarterback, the team cannot thrive. If the enemy eliminates the man from a family, chaos will ensue within that family. Our families today need mighty men of valor who are willing to fight for them.

Read Ezekiel 33:14-15. What are some distractions and sinful practices that impair your ability to serve as the quarterback and fight for your family? What things will you do to remove them from your life?

Kingdom Resources for Men

A Kingdom Man is a male who visibly and consistently submits to the comprehensive relationship and rule of God, underneath the Lordship of Jesus Christ, in every area of his life.

1. Set aside time to meet with God daily, in His Word and through prayer, for the purpose of cultivating spiritual intimacy. Proactively seek to draw down heavenly authority and receive divine instruction. This can be done by reviewing the weekly sermon outlines and key Scriptures, reading and meditating through specific passages in or
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an entire book of the Bible, or using a devotional guide. The goal is to seek more of God than merely seeking things from God.

2. Pray daily with your mate and share with her what you are learning from church and your personal time with God.
 3. Regularly use a meal time for praying with and over your family, having devotions, Scripture reading and discussing what your children learned in church or in their own time with the Lord. Remove distractions from this time. *If you are single, use this time to pray for any extended family as well as for your future family.*
 4. If your children do not live with you, engage them regularly through text or a phone call to inquire as to how they are doing, read or discuss a chapter in Scripture (you can start with the Psalms), and to give them guidance. Close with praying for them, and with them for others. *If they are not open to this, text them that you are praying for them each day and ask God to cause them to become more open to this.*
 - *My Utmost for His Highest* (Oswald Chambers), paperback devotional
 - *Jesus Calling* (Sarah Young), paperback devotional
 - *Life Under God: 365 Day Devotional* (Tony Evans), leather version
 - *Prayers for Victory in Your Marriage* (Tony Evans), paperback guided prayers
 - Kingdom Family Devotional (Tony Evans and Jonathan Evans), hardback devotional
 - *One-Minute Prayers for Men* (Nick Harrison), paperback guided prayers
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