

**“Establishing a Legacy”**  
**August 25, 2013**

**Core Value #7- We purpose to establish a Kingdom legacy for generations to come.**

**LEGACY—living to bring increased anointing, encounters and advances to future generations. (“Our ceiling—their floor”)**

**1. CENTRAL THEME OF THE BIBLE**

**Exodus 20:6- He desires to “show love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.”**

**Pr. 13:22- “A good man leaves an inheritance for his children’s children”**

**John 14:12- “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”**

**2. GOD’S HEART FOR LEGACY (summarized in Deuteronomy 6:1-9)**

***SHEMA (“Hear”)—recited regularly—first thing taught to children—constant reminder of their covenant with God. Moses gave this to parents and grandparents—the ones responsible to establish legacy: consider carefully what you are passing on to those following behind.***

**“O”- an impassioned cry!**

**a. FEAR THE LORD (v. 2, 13, 24)**

- **There is within us the capacity to be “awed”—to dwell on something/someone; study their ways; be influenced by them; consumed with them; seek to only please them; dread grieving them; love being close to them; despise anything that separates us from them.**
- **That place was designed to only be filled by One...a holy place (“There is ONE God”—i.e., Love & honor Him EXCLUSIVELY)**
- **Living in a “continued place of awe” (Acts 2:43) involves BOTH being aware of Him...and knowing He is aware of us**
- **“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (“success in living”) [The “foundation” of a thriving life; first thing to go when a life unravels]**
- **A legacy of FEARING THE LORD is the greatest treasure we could ever pass on to future generations...being totally impressed with Him—in His presence we only boast of Him!**
- **Not somber—full of JOY...”joy OF the Lord”—relational rejoicing WITH the Lord...who laughs at His enemies (Ps. 2) & rejoices in truth**
- **“The fear of the Lord is clean” (Psalm 19:9). “If we believe we will only be free from sin when we die, Jesus is not our savior—death is.” Georgian Banov; He doesn’t say- “Clean up your act” He says- “Let Me in. We’ll clean it up together.”**

**b. LOVE THE LORD (v. 5)**

- (v. 6) “it shall be on your heart” (Lit.- “to pass through the pores” Hebrew). A love that permeates our system.
- LOVE is the fiercest force on the planet...fiery...many waters cannot quench it...relentless. (Song of Songs 8:7)
- His love is so fierce...
  - Nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8:38-39)
  - He relentlessly pursues us (coin, sheep, son)
- Same tenacious love is IN us, “gushing forth by the Holy Spirit” Rom 5:5

**c. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN (v. 6-8)**

- What impresses us...will be impressed on them
  - *“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”* *Philippians 4:9*
  - *“You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance”* (2 Timothy 3:10)
  - *“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life & imitate their faith.”* (Hebrews 13:7)
- Living impressed...
  - “Hand, forehead, & doorposts”—more than *Phylacteries & Mezuzahs*.
  - Permeating ATTITUDES & ACTIONS. Get into the Word—so it gets into you. Game is won in the off-season.
  - (v. 7- “natural conversation”) Not “lecture them.”
  - *“I will walk in my house with blameless heart.”* (Psalm 101:2)
  - (i.e., Barna- “50 Year Study of Long-term Effects of Christian & Non-Christian Homes”—“Lukewarm homes were most destructive.”)
- Leaving impressions.
  - *Psalm 127:4- “Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are the children of one’s youth.”*
  - With the development of arrows—new possibility to impact a battle from a great distance away.
  - A stick had to be prepared in order to be effective. (*“Diligently impress, sharpen”* v. 7)
  - PREPARED, POINTED & PROPELLED
  - As a young man, sobered RE: my younger brother & sister. John Wooden (UCLA basketball, 10 National Championships)- *“A careful man I want to be, a little fellow follows me.”*

**RESPONSE:**

**NEW BEGINNINGS. FRESH STARTS.**

*“Be made new in the attitude of your minds and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”* Eph. 2:24