

LEGACY—How Can My Life Outlast Me? By Pastor Robby Bradford

(Psalm 112:5-6) Good will come to him who is **generous** and **lends freely**, who conducts his **affairs** with justice. Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be **remembered forever**.

Legacy:

- Where my life lives on.
- Giving to something that will outlive me.
- Living so my life outlasts me.

Big Idea: The goal of life **isn't to live on earth forever** but to **leave something** that does.

The 2-Question Test

(Romans 14:10-12) You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For **we will all stand before God's judgment seat**. It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." So then, each of us will **give an account of ourselves to God**.

Question One: What did you do with Jesus?

(Revelation 20:11-12) Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, **standing before the throne**, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

The Right Answer: "I knew him."

Question Two: What did you do with what I gave you?

(2 Corinthians 5:10) For we must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

The Right Answer: "I gave my life away."

3 COMMITMENTS OF THE LEGACY LIFE

(Ecclesiastes 3:11) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also **set eternity in the human heart**.

1. I will **intentionally** give what I have. (2 Corinthians 9:11)

2. I will intentionally **serve** others. (Matthew 20:26-28)

3. I will intentionally share **Christ**.

(2 Corinthians 5:20 NLT, Luke 14:23 LB, Mark 16:15 NCV)

Why?

(1 Timothy 6:17-19) Command those who are rich **in this present world** not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to **do good**, to **be rich** in good deeds, and to **be generous** and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation **for the coming age**, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

BOTTOM LINE: There is more to this life than this life.