



BECOMING A LEGACY MINDED MAN

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.¹

- **Frederick Douglass**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here.

2 Corinthians 5:17

THE reality is that there is huge cultural problem that we know is there but few of us are working to solve. In a nutshell, there is a shortage of strong men who are committed to their wives, children and making society great. On top of that, many of the men who are doing their best have gaps from either an absent father or a dad who did less than a stellar job. Many men also lack the spiritual foundation and strength needed to overcome the many challenges of today's culture. But the time has come for greater focus and men who encourage one another to not only win today but build a lasting legacy that will impact generations to come. It is time to become a Legacy Minded Man!

1 LEGACY MINDED MEN HAVE A WINNING GAME PLAN

1.1 God created us to win each day and build a legacy and to do this we need a winning game plan!

1.2 Legacy Minded Men don't "hope" to get lucky so that things go well.

1.3 A winning game plan is based on solid principles that stand the test of time because they can be found in God's Word.

1.4 Prayer, persona, purity, purpose, priority, perseverance and power are seven mighty pillars that a man can build a great life on.

1.5 These pillars can also transform a life from broken or mediocre to excellent.

EXERCISE

What are 3 areas in your life that you would benefit from a clearer plan of action?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

2 ANY MAN CAN BUILD A GREAT LEGACY

2.1 By definition most men are average, but society is built and maintained by average Joes everywhere.

2.2 Unfortunately, the “average guy” most often lives a life that’s disconnected from God and headed in the wrong direction.

2.3 This means many men are building their life on a foundation of sand and sooner or later the storm hits and brings down the house they were building.

2.4 Before a man can start using the 7 Pillars to build their life, the most important thing they can do is to make sure they are building on a foundation of solid rock which comes from a personal relationship with Jesus.

2.5 Once the foundation of Christ is set, a man can start to build their lives with the 7 Pillars.

2.6 A great legacy begins when we trade our faulty blue prints for God’s amazing plan for our lives!

EXERCISE

What are 3 areas in your life that are not strong that you want to strengthen?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

3 WE ARE HERE TO MEET FLAWED MEN WHERE THEY ARE AT AND MOVE FORWARD

3.1 The only perfect man to ever live was Jesus and the only perfect book is the Bible.

3.2 Ultimately, Jesus is the role model and the Bible is the ultimate game plan to win in life.

3.3 Legacy Minded Men is dedicated to “transforming lives by engaging, encouraging, and equipping men to build a Christ-centered legacy.”

3.4 The 7 Pillars are biblical principles that can stand the test of time & life.

3.5 We don’t want to just have a good season or a good run, we want a great, meaningful life!

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4 BUILDING YOUR LEGACY

4.1 The definition of legacy is:

1. Law. A gift of property, especially personal property, as money, by will; a bequest
2. Anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor.

4.2 In addition to a physical legacy, even more important things can be handed down including things such as life skills and others that are spiritually or character based.

4.3 The reality is that we will all hand down something, even if it's NOTHING!

4.4 Some men leave great morals and strong family values, others pass down utter chaos.

4.5 Truth be told, we all have some things we are proud to hand down and other things we hope never get passed along.

4.6 If the legacy you have been creating doesn't look so good right now, take a time out, change your game plan and walk it out with other Legacy Minded Men.

PAUSE

What areas of your life are you dissatisfied with and want/need to change?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

5 YESTERDAY IS GONE. IT'S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD

5.1 All men fail at some point and need to grow.

5.2 All men succeed and we have to build on the good and success present in our lives.

5.3 Failure can be a great teacher if we are wise enough to learn from it.

5.4 One of the greatest failures in life is to live comfortably now but never make the world a better place.

5.5 Our current condition is the result of a lifetime of choices and every day, we make more choices. What do you choose today?

QUESTION

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHOICE YOU NEED TO MAKE RIGHT NOW?

6 THE FOUNDATION - BUILT ON THE ROCK

6.1 The Gospel is good news and the Good news is so good because the bad news is so bad!
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23

6.2 When sin entered into the world, it caused separation between man and God.

6.3 Just as sin entered the world through the actions of one man, through the actions of Jesus on the cross, the price of sin was paid by the death of Jesus.

6.4 When we put our faith in Jesus, we are saved through that faith (Eph. 2:8-9).

6.5 The choice is actually pretty simple, do we want to receive the forgiveness Jesus gives or do we want to pay the penalty of our sin with our own death?

6.6 Part of our faith is that we not only receive forgiveness, but we commit our lives to following Jesus and Him leading our lives.

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7 WHAT FOUNDATION HAVE YOU CHOSEN?



7.1 We have all seen the aftermath of earthquakes and how some buildings stand and others collapse depending on the strength of their foundation.

7.2 In a similar way, all men face stress in their lives but some men can withstand that stress while others will crumble.

7.3 Standing up to stress means staying faithful to your spouse, being disciplined to go to work and work hard while also maintaining a moral and spiritual focus.

7.4 Crumbling means taking the easy way out by giving up on your marriage, getting drunk or high or immersing yourself in pornography to escape the stress.

7.5 **BOTTOM LINE** - have you put your faith in Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?

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THOUGHT SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

1. God wants an eternal relationship with you. (John 3:16, Eph. 1:17, Col. 1:16)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. Ephesians 1:17

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. Col. 1:16

2. Our sinful choices have broken this relationship. (Rom. 3:23, 6:23a, Isa. 59:2)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God Rom. 3:23 a For the wages of sin is death Rom. 6:23 a

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:2

3. Jesus is the bridge back to this relationship. (John 5:24; 14:6; Rom. 6:23b)

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 6:23 b

4. We must choose and be loyal to this relationship. (John 1:12; John 15:13-14)

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God John 1:12

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. John 15:13-14