ONE LIFE TO LIVE
WEEK 4: LEAVING A LEGACY

Warm up: Could you name one historical figure whose life serves as an inspiration to you? In what way did he inspire you?

Intro: We are in the final week of our series ONE LIFE TO LIVE. We’ve heard powerful testimonies of relationships being transformed through this series.

Recap: First meeting, we learned that if we want to make every second count and live our lives with zero-regret, we need to live wisely by having the right priorities.

Second, is to love completely by loving selflessly; third is learn humbly by coming to Jesus and learning from Him; today will look at the fourth principle we need to apply in order for us to live our lives with zero-regrets. Leaving a good Legacy!

Legacy - a thing handed down by a predecessor (money, property, good name, values, etc); what you leave behind after you’re gone.

Whether we realize it or not, we will leave a legacy behind in the future. Consciously or unconsciously, we have a tendency to leave a mark—

• some leave a mark as kids by coloring their walls
• others leave a marker on a tree—ex.: Piolo loves me...
• elementary school desk—“this is my seat”

• C.R. wall—“may pogi dito”

And legacy is like these marks from the wall, it speaks of something that we will leave behind. Everything we do today will not just affect us but the next generation as well.

Truth about legacy: Everything we do today, good or bad, will affect not just us but also the next generation. How you live today determines your legacy tomorrow.

Illustration: (Picture) Alfred Nobel. The erroneous publication in 1888 of a premature obituary of Nobel by a French newspaper, condemning him for his invention of dynamite, is said to have brought about his decision to leave a better legacy after his death. The obituary stated Le marchand de la mort est mort (“The merchant of death is dead”) and went on to say, “Dr. Alfred Nobel, who became rich by finding ways to kill more people faster than ever before, died yesterday.” On 27 November 1895, at the Swedish-Norwegian Club in Paris, Nobel signed his last will and testament and set aside the bulk of his estate (94%) to establish the Nobel Prizes.

How do you want to be remembered? What do you want to leave behind to your children and the future generation? Consider these two Bible characters whose lives offer valuable lessons to us as we think about our options...

You might be thinking, but I’m not like Bill Gates, who established the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation
that donates millions of dollars in various charitable institutions; or say, Lucio Tan and Henry Sy, who are both noted in Asia for their wealth and fame in the businesses they’ve established.

Yet, even if you are not as influential as any of them, you and I can still leave a mark. We can still leave a legacy.

Text: 2 Samuel 18:18

2 Samuel 18:18 ¶ During his lifetime Absalom had taken a pillar and erected it in the King’s Valley as a monument to himself, for he thought, “I have no son to carry on the memory of my name.” He named the pillar after himself, and it is called Absalom’s Monument to this day.

-Absalom was the 3rd of King David’s children. He was ambitious. He had political ambition and wanted to be the next king. His heart was also filled with bitterness, which led him to murder his brother Amnon, who raped his sister.

-towards the end of his life, Absalom could only leave a monument he named after himself so that people would remember him.

-And the Bible says he had three sons and a daughter, yet we could see that his legacy was a bad legacy because even his own children don’t want to be like him or even talk about him. His bitterness and rebellion caused a serious strain to his relationship with his children.

Second Bible character is King David...Absalom’s father

1 Chronicles 22:5

1 Chronicles 22:5, “David said, “My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD should be of great magnificence and fame and splendor in the sight of all the nations. Therefore I will make preparations for it.” So David made extensive preparations before his death.”

-As king of Israel, David had it in his heart to build God a temple, but God said it’s not going to be him but his son, Solomon.

-instead of being insecure, he prepared everything for his son Solomon to become successful in doing God’s will.

-And we can learn later on, that King Solomon became successful. He not only built God a temple, but he was able to lead Israel to its very own “Golden Age”, where Israel lived at peace with its neighbors.

How do you leave a legacy? Psalm 112:1-3...Fear God and obey Him...fearing God means revering Him. Giving the honor that is due to Him.

LIFE IS SHORT, LET’S LIVE TO LEAVE A LEGACY

Conclusion: If you live your life with the fear of God and obedience to Him, you will leave a legacy that will stand for eternity.
Application Question:
What kind of legacy would you like to leave the people in your life? How can you practically go about this?