

Leaving a Legacy

Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.

1. To leave a legacy, move from Thanksgiving to "thanks GIFTing".

I will present a thank offering to you, and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord before all his people. **Psalm 116:17-18 NET**

When you sacrifice a Thanksgiving-Offering to God, do it right so it will be acceptable. **Leviticus 22:29 MSG**

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." **Psalm 50:14-15 ESV**

2. Limit your investment in what perishes and maximize your investment in what is eternal.

"Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds." **Revelation 22:12 NLT**

The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. **1 Corinthians 3:8 NLT**

"...the present heavens and earth have been stored up for fire. They are being kept for the day of judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed." **2 Peter 3:7 NLT**

Message to the rich from God:

Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life. **1 Timothy 6:17-19 MSG**

3. Your impact grows when you give...

(1) spontaneously

And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' **Luke 10:35 ESV**

(2) strategically

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. **Isaiah 32:8 NLT**

(3) sacrificially

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on." **Mark 12:41-44 NLT**

Message Notes: The Holy Bible, New Living Translation, English Standard Version, NET Bible. The Message, by Eugene Peterson. *This is What We Do*, by Craig Groeschel.