

What Will Be Your Legacy?

Legacy is defined as any-thing handed down. What are we handing down? Titus 2:7 "In everything set them an example by doing what is good". 2 Thessalonians 3:7 "For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example."

The following men left a legacy that impacted and changed the lives of those living in their times as well as ours in our lifetime.

NOAH — Built an ark out of his obedience to God. By so doing, saved a remnant of God's creation. Genesis 6:22 "Noah did everything just as God commanded him."

ABRAHAM — Led a nation out of his desire to obey God. Genesis 12:2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great and you will be a blessing."

MOSES — Led God's people out of Egypt in obedience to God's command. Exodus 6:13 — Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron about the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, and commanded them to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

JOSHUA — Out of obedience led God's people across the Jordan River into the promised land of Canaan. Joshua 1:1-3 "The Lord said to Joshua, 'Moses, My servant, is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them.'"

STEPHEN — Allowed himself to be martyred for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Acts 7: 59,60 "While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus receive my spirit.' Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep."

PAUL (Saul) — Chose in a very dramatic experience on the Damascus Road to serve God rather than continue as a persecutor of Christians. Acts 9: 20-22 "At once he began to preach that Jesus was the Son of God. All were astonished and asked, 'Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call upon His name?' Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ."

JESUS (God and Man) — The Son of God went willingly to the cross to set man free from the bondage of his sin. He left us the greatest legacy of all, salvation. John 3:16 "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 13:15 "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." 1 Peter 2:22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth."

The New Testament is full of the accounts of Jesus and His ministry on this earth. He only requires of us our obedience to be witnesses that draw others to Himself and fulfill the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19,20)

How will we be remembered?

Will we enjoy life to the fullest without trusting God? Romans 2:24 "God's name is blasphemed among the people because of you."

OR

Will we live a Christ-like example for others to follow? Romans 12:1 "Therefore I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship."