



A Father's Legacy

Proverbs 20:7
Father's Day – June 21, 2009
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The Father Who Leaves The Best Legacy ...

Is Righteous.

1. The statement. (7a; cf. Genesis 6:9; Psalm 92:12)
2. The problem. (cf. Psalm 14:1; 143:2; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23; Galatians 3:11)
3. The solution. (cf. Isaiah 53:5-6; Romans 3:24, 5:19)

Walks In His Integrity.

1. Clarifying integrity. (7; cf. Genesis 6:9; Leviticus 22:21-22; Ezekiel 15:5; Psalm 19:13; 101:2)
2. Walking in your integrity. (7; cf. Psalm 15:1-5; 26:1-5)

As A Result He ...

Leaves A Blessing For His Children.

1. The righteous person living in his integrity builds a legacy of blessing. (7; cf. Proverbs 10:7, 9; 28:14; Psalm 92:12; 106:3; 112:1; 119:1; Ezekiel 24; 33:12-13)
2. The legacy brings blessing to his children. (7; cf. Proverbs 13:22 14:26; Exodus 20:5-6
Psalm 112:1-2; Ezekiel 18:20)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Take a look at your Father's Day celebration yesterday. Review the legacy you received from your father. Thank God for the blessings you received, listing all that come to mind. If your father is still living, why not share these with him? If there were/are disappointments and pains, turn them over to God asking Him to heal and give you the ability to move forward in a way that pleases Him and is healthy for you.

Tuesday. The phrase "a righteous man" can describe several things. On Sunday we looked at being righteous before God through Christ rather than your own works. With Christ as your Savior, you are one of God's righteous children. Think about this throughout the day, allowing this reality to fill you with joy and peace.

Wednesday. The Old Testament word integrity found in Proverbs 20:7 has the basic idea of being complete and so, sound — not having anything missing, not having any defect. As this word is used with "righteous" in this verse, it describes a righteous person in Christ living rightly, consistently. At this mid-point of the week, do an integrity check — have you been walking in your integrity in your thoughts, speech and actions?

Thursday. "A righteous man [and woman] who walks in his integrity — how blessed are his sons [and everyone who know him] after him." Integrity brings God's blessing to you and those you know, especially your children. What kind of legacy are you leaving *your* children, grandchildren, other family members and friends?

Friday/Saturday. Next Sunday we plan to return to the series in Exodus with 14:1 – 15:21. Read through this passage as you prepare for our time of worship together.

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