

## CAN I GET A WITNESS?

"The Legacy of Faith"

Hebrews 11:20-22

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1. Hebrews 11:20-22

### I. LEAVING A LEGACY TO THE NEXT GENERATION

1. "Legacy" - is an inheritance, something that comes from a predecessor, who has gone before.

#### A. A GENERATION AWAY FROM FAILURE

##### 1. Judges 2:6-10

2. **VERY IMPORTANT:** The greatest collapse in our country today is the collapse of the family.

3. We are living in a day when the breakdown of the family has led to the lack of transference of a **SPIRITUAL LEGACY**.

4. When our kids have no Spiritual Heritage - they become desensitized to the culture and have not Spiritual Conscience.

a) A *Spiritual Conscience* is what goes off when somethings wrong.

#### B. PARENTS ARE TO BE A FILTER

1. A Parents job is to filter what comes into the hearts and minds of our children.

2. We are to pass on a **SPIRITUAL HERITAGE**, because whatever opportunities we want our kids to have. **if we miss the SPIRITUAL**, everything else is in trouble.

#### 3. EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE A WILL

4. What you do in the Physical, is what God wants us to do in the Spiritual.

a) The tragedy today is that we have people who make physical wills, but are totally unconcerned with Spiritual wills.

b) In reality...they have nothing to pass forward to the next generation.

1) "By Faith" Hebrews 11

a) Vs 4,5,7,8,11,17, 20-22

5. *A spiritual heritage is passing on what children need* to learn to live under the rule of God in a comprehensive way.
6. What we see in the CRAZINESS of children today is what has been passed down to them by mom and dad.
7. **Hebrews 11:20-22**
  - a) *"By faith"*
    - 1) Each passed a Spiritual legacy.

## II. PASSING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

### A. THE COVERING OF GOD

1. **KEY QUESTION:** What kind of Spiritual Legacy are we passing on to our Children?
2. God has a will for us. It's called a **COVENANT**
  - a) *A covenant is a spiritually binding relationship that God makes with His people in order to cover them.*
3. **Dr Floyd Barachman**
  - a) *"Throughout human history God made Covenant Promises that relate to His program for mankind."*
  - b) *"A Covenant is made of what God promises to do for man"*
4. We have a generation of Children who are uncovered. Why?? Because mommy and daddy are uncovered.
5. Our Culture is raining down evil.
  - a) **Secular humanism** - *belief that humanity is capable of morality and self-fulfillment without belief in God.*
  - b) **Immorality** - *sexual misconduct, wickedness, evil.*
  - c) **The redefining of what God has set as a standard.**
6. So when you send your child out into this wicked world uncovered...he will get wet.
7. **Joshua 24:15**

## B. IT BEGINS AT HOME

### 1. Notice God's instruction for parents and how to raise their children.

- a) *Deuteronomy 11:18-21*
- b) *1 Corinthians 10:6-11*

2. We have a generation of parents who want their kids to have "Sky Scrapper" potential on a chicken coup **Spiritual Foundation.**

- a) **JOHN 11:35** "*Jesus wept*"

3. **A parents job as a parent is to give your kids a solid foundation and trust God to build as SUPER STRUCTURE.**

4. We are talking about the transference of the BLESSING OF GOD.

- a) *Deuteronomy 29:9*

## C. THE NEED FOR BLESSING

1. **Here's the problem-**There are far too many parents who haven't been blessed by their parents.

2. **QUESTION:** Have you ever talked to your kids about God's blessing in their life???

3. **FACT:** It's hard to transfer a blessing that you know nothing about.

4. **THAT'S WHY SATAN WORKS OVERTIME 24/7** to nullify the father in the home.

- a) 50% of children have no dad in the home.
  - 1) In some communities it's 75%
  - 2) They become unblessed kids.

## III. BLESS THE NEXT GENERATION

### A. PASS IT ON

1. Vs 20

- a) "*By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau*"
  - 1) His sons

2. Vs 21

a) "By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph"

1) The grandkids.

3. Vs 19

a) Not only did Abraham get Isaac back but the promise as well, because Isaac would then be a blessing on to the whole world.

B. CANCELING THE CURSE

1. Vs 20

2. Remember Abraham was a liar and a coward?

3. So was Isaac.

a) *Genesis 26:6-11*

4. **NOW WATCH THIS:**

a) If you are always making up excuses not to go to church.

1) So will your kids

b) If you always have a reason why you don't serve.

1) So will your kids.

c) If you always have an excuse why you don't give sacrificially to the church.

1) Your kids won't give either.

d) If you always have an excuse why you don't tell people about Jesus.

1) Your kids will have excuses too.

5. *Genesis 27:32-37*

6. Hebrews 11:20, 21, 22