

LEGACY 2024

BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED LEGACY

Pastor Brad Howard - November 3, 2024

1. A CHRIST-CENTERED LEGACY – “I DID NOT LIVE FOR MYSELF.”

We are born into selfishness – we are born again into generous.

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone.

Romans 14:7 NIV

Philippians 2:3 NLT

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

1 Corinthians 10:24 NIV

No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.

“YOUR SIGNIFICANCE BEGINS TO THRIVE YOU'RE YOUR SELFISHNESS BEGINS TO DIE.”

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

–Winston Churchill

For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:7-8 NLT

2. A CHRIST-CENTERED LEGACY: “I LIVED FOR THE LORD.”

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus . . . *Romans 1:1 NIV*

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ . . . *James 1:1 NIV*

Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ . . . *2 Peter 1:1 NIV*

Servant = (bond servant) – one bound to service without wages.

LEGACY OFFERING = GO TO GOD. PRAY. ACT ON IT.

IT'S NOT NATURAL, IT'S SUPERNATURAL.

IT'S A STRETCH TO INVITE YOUR FRIEND TO CHURCH . . .

IT'S A STRETCH TO GIVE GENEROUSLY . . .

IT'S A STRECH TO JOIN THE SERVE TEAM . . .

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He's a good master, a good Lord . . . do it His way, not your way and watch how your legacy is defined by how you live for God.

3. A CHRIST-CENTERED LEGACY - "I DIED FOR THE LORD."

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:8 NIV

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV