

LEGACY

THE NEXT GENERATION - PASTOR BRAD HOWARD

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OUR LEGACY LANES

- THE NEXT GENERATION
- FACILITIES AND EXPANSION
- THE GREAT COMMISSION

Judges 2:10 NKJV

When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

Psalms 145:4-8 NIV

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

“Legacy is the passing and preserving of property, values, and beliefs from one generation to the next.”

THREE LEGACY MINDSETS

1. YOU'RE NOT TOO YOUNG TO BEGIN BUILDING A GODLY LEGACY.

Jeremiah 1:4-7 NIV

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.

“... if I think an action I am about to take is God’s will for my life, then my taking that action, and the consequences rippling from that action, must be consistent with God’s will for others affected by it.” --*Lorne Liechty, Defining Moments*

“We overestimate what we can do in a year. We underestimate what we can do in 5 years.”

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THE LAW OF LEGACY

The natural progression of leadership, according to Maxwell, is:

- Achievement comes when you do great things by yourself
- Success comes when you empower your employees to do great things for you
- Significance comes from developing leaders to do great things with you
- Legacy comes when you put leaders in a position to do great things without you

"There is no success without a successor." In other words, lasting achievement is really only achieved if it continues after we're gone." --Peter Drucker

2. YOU'RE NOT TOO OLD TO START SOMETHING THAT WILL OUTLAST YOU.

Joshua 14:10-15 NKJV . . .

(Caleb) here I am this day, eighty-five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the LORD said." And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb . . . as an inheritance. And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim).

THE MOST PRODUCTIVE STAGES OF LIFE:

- The most productive stage of life is between 60 to 70 years of age.
- The 2nd most productive stage of life is between 70 to 80 years of age.
- The 3rd most productive stage is from 50 to 60 years of age.
- The average age of NOBEL PRIZE winners is 62 years old.
- The average age of the presidents of prominent companies in the world is 63 years.
- The average age of the pastors of the 100 largest churches in the U.S.A. is 71. SOURCE: N.Engl.J .Med. 70,389 (2018), Shared from the 11/30/2020 The Topeka Capital-Journal edition: The American Elder

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3. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE AN ETERNAL IMPACT.

Isaiah 49:8-9 NIV

This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!'"

2 Corinthians 6:2 NIV

For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.