

Buried Under a Parking Lot

Born with a silver spoon in his mouth, (1452 – 1485) Richard III was king of England for two years, from 1483 until his death.

He had untold wealth and privilege as the son of the Duke of York. His defeat and death at the Battle of Bosworth Field, the decisive conflict of the Wars of the Roses, heralded what is sometimes regarded as the end of the Middle Ages in England. Richard was the last English king to die in battle.

Because of circumstances relating to Richard's accession to the throne and by consequence of the victory of the forces of Henry VII over him, claiming the crown, Richard's remains were buried without pomp and were lost for more than five centuries. In 2012, his remains were discovered beneath a parking lot in merry old England, buried among other commoners of his day.

Both pauper and potentate came to the same end.

His story is a reminder to us. No matter how the world sees us, our power is extremely limited, and our clock is ticking.

Each person may have worked hard to establish his or her own paradise here on earth. But it is all fleeting, and once we are gone, we will have no control over how people remember us.

What is our legacy then? The key is to live in light of eternity, because only what is done for Christ will last.

King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 1:11: "There is no remembrance of those who came before; and of those who will come after there will also be no remembrance by those who follow them."

What will be your legacy? What message would you want to shout from beyond the grave?

Psalm 90:17 proclaims: "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us."

Only God can establish permanence in the work of our hands – and He honors the use of our hands in service to others – so put your life in His good and faithful hands.

A legacy of faith is the result of living under His lordship.

– Beecher Hunter

