

Establishing Your Legacy

The Testament and *Sycamore Row*, two highly entertaining books by John Grisham, detail the battles fought over wills and multimillion-dollar fortunes and the misery such money can often bring.

The not-so-dearly departed in both books were terrible absentee fathers, so money was their only legacy.

What is your legacy?

It is a question that has been asked a million times – how do you want to be remembered when you're gone? Are you going to go down in history as the guy who couldn't control his emotions while coaching a ball game, or will you be thought of as the person who taught your players to play as well as they possibly could on the field and to be decent human beings off the field?



One way or another, we all have a way of casting a long shadow over the course of our lives.

What will your spouse and children remember about you? Your co-workers? Other members of your church? The staff at the restaurant you frequent? That person with whom you come in contact for a brief moment in time, never to see again?

Micah 6:8 provides a good description of the kind of life that results in a good legacy – “to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

Sometimes, we can overcomplicate our walk with Christ when it really is as simple as learning to abide in Him and obeying the Spirit's leading, which will look a lot like the instruction in Micah.

Pursuing good relationships with God and others results in a good legacy. Love for God and love for others is the heart of Christianity and the basis for a good life of justice, faithfulness, and obedience.

But collect for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal (Matthew 6:20).

– Beecher Hunter