

**“Living Legacy-Minded”**  
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**Core Value #7-** We purpose to establish a Kingdom legacy for generations to come. (NOTE: Something significant happens when we shift our focus from what we’re going through to what we’re passing on to those who follow us.)

**LEGACY-MINDED PEOPLE:**

**1. FULLY RECEIVE THEIR INHERITANCE**

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people. (Ephesians 1:18) [Paul prayed as one seeing it already!]*

- We live in the **most advantageous place possible!!!**
  - As “joint-heirs” Jesus has given us “My peace, My joy, My words, My Spirit” and the same place with “My Father”!
  - You are “lights in the world, salt in the earth (preserving & flavoring), a light on a lampstand, a city on a hill” and “the head, not the tail.”
  - Amazing promises: “nations will stream to your rising” as you “make disciples of all nations.” As you walk in My peace, I will crush the enemy under your feet! No weapon (strategy) formed against you will prosper—My word will prosper in your life!

**2. STAY FOCUSED ON WHAT REALLY MATTERS**

**Numbers 13:27-33**

- “Fruit” is a breakthrough—“giants” threaten to keep us from experience breakthroughs.
- Either focus on **breakthroughs**—or **breakdowns**. Giants or fruit? Do we want to **COPE** or **BE COURAGEOUS**?
- “Double-mindedness” gives equal weight to **both** reports, producing “instability” (James 1:8- “*unstable in all he does*”).
- Once we have been given an inheritance—must move into place of responsibility to fight for it!
  - “Take possession of the land—I have given it!” (Numbers 33:35)
  - “Stand fast in the liberty—you’ve already received!”
  - “Risen with Christ—keep seeking things above.”

### 3. BRING PEACE & PERSPECTIVE

- Numbers 13:30- Caleb “quieted (*to hush & speak peace*) the people” then reminded them of the promises God made.
- Isaiah 43:18-“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.” (What we “dwell on” we dwell in)!
- “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness (*i.e., “Show you the way when you are bewildered”*) and streams in the desert (*i.e., “Refresh you in the place you feel deserted.”*)” (Isaiah 43:18-20)

### 4. LIVE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CELEBRATION

- They celebrate even the smallest breakthroughs—creating an atmosphere for even greater ones!
  - Matthew 8- The healing of Peter’s mother-in-law→ the whole town healed!
  - Acts 3- The healing of a lame man→ 5,000 people saved!
  - Psalm 118:24- “This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it” not “I’ll be glad when...”
  - Psalm 68:19- “He daily loads us with blessings!”
- They live in a culture of “daily anticipation”: “Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.” (Proverbs 8:34)
- They recognize the “power” of their words (Proverbs 18:21)
  - “Power”- *the capacity to rearrange the atmosphere; Lit.- “to create the world we live in”!*
  - They know the way we live now is the fruit of what we’ve been saying!

### CONCLUSION

For many, they merely exist—clinging to life and fearing death.

For others, they see life as a gift from God—filled with the amazing potential of leaving a legacy!

Jesus said, “When you walk with Me—in a living faith—you will never die!”

Our lives will go on and on—and so will our legacy!!!