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Sunday, September 26, 2010

“LEAVING A SPIRITUAL LEGACY”

(Psalm 78:1-22)

Our Christian testimony and example should always be important to us but nowhere is it more important than when it is lived out before our children. We will all leave a legacy – positive or negative. What will your spiritual legacy be today and after you are gone?

“By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead” (Hebrews 11:4, NIV).

“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 11:18-20, NIV).

1. THE _____ OF TEACHING (v. 4, 5).

2. THE _____ FOR TEACHING (v. 6,7).

3. THE _____ OF THE TEACHER (v. 8, 10-11, 17-18, 22).

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1. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TEACHING (v. 4, 5).

“We will not hide these truths from our children but will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD. We will tell of his power and the mighty miracles he did” (Psalm 78:4, NLT).

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2. THE REASON FOR TEACHING (v. 6,7).

“So now: Fear GOD. Worship him in total commitment. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped on the far side of The River (the Euphrates) and in Egypt. You, worship GOD. “If you decide that it's a bad thing to worship GOD, then choose a god you'd rather serve--and do it today. Choose one of the gods your ancestors worshiped from the country beyond The River, or one of the gods of the Amorites, on whose land you're now living. As for me and my family, we'll worship GOD.” The people answered, “We'd never forsake GOD! Never! We'd never leave GOD to worship other gods.” (Joshua 24:14-16, Message).

“After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel” (Judges 2:10, NLT).

3. THE EXAMPLE OF THE TEACHER (v. 8, 10-11, 17-18, 22).

4. THE BLESSING OF TEACHING (v. 8-22).