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**LEADER WHO LEAVES A LEGACY**

**Acts 13:36**

**“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;”**

*Find Us Faithful*

*We're pilgrims on the journey  
of the narrow road,  
and those who've* ***gone before*** *us (Hebrews 11)  
line the way.****cheering on*** *the* ***faithful****,****encouraging*** *the* ***weary****,  
their lives a* ***stirring testament*** *to* ***god's sustaining grace****.*

If you could write your own epitaph, what would it say?

*“Pictures on Mantels”*  Russ Lee

Leaving a legacy is not leaving something **for** someone, but leaving something **in** some one.

A Leader who leaves a legacy will be a person of integrity.

**Compound Word** – preposition **through** and the noun **corruption**; no corruption through them. There is consistency between what we do in public and who we are in private.

**Reputation**-Outward, Think

**Character**-Know, Inward

Integrity is the steadfast and constant adherence to a moral or ethical code.

* If you were to die now, what would be your legacy?
* What would need to change in our lives for our legacy to be different?
* **Proverbs 27:21b**

**“And a man is valued by what others say of him.”**

* Leading on Empty
* **7 PRIORITIES**
  + Pastoring the First Baptist Church of Woodstock
  + Mentoring young men called to preach the Gospel
  + Encouraging and Training existing pastors
  + Touching poverty
  + Training college and seminary students
  + Planting churches
  + Modeling generosity
* **SOBERING QUESTION:** 
  + Is the person that others are seeing on the outside, the person who I really am on the inside?
  + Am I one way in public and a different way in private?

Is Johnny Hunt the real deal?

**1 Corinthians 11:1**

**“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”**

Why should others believe me, trust me as a model leader?

The Reformers were known as those that regularly *“rechecked their motives.”*

* One of Titus’ main tasks would be that of developing other spiritual leaders. I read recently where 400 leaders were identified in the Bible. Of the 400 leaders, only 80 finished well; that’s 20%. Their characteristics were:
* Humility

**Matthew 11:29**

**“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”**

* Intimacy with God
* Obedience
* Faith (trusting God)
* Ability to receive counsel
* With this in mind, everyone needs a **“faithful friend”**

**Proverbs 27:6**

**“Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”**

* Genuine love will give rebuke in order to manifest the truth. Rebuke can lead to gratitude

**Proverbs 28:23**

**“He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward than he who flatters with the tongue.”**

* True and faithful friends are willing to wound you in order to help you.
* Note the characteristics of an enemy: essentially the flattering lips of a deceiver.
* Note the characteristics of a **faithful**: **friend:**

1. They edify, but don’t flatter

**Romans 15:2**

**“Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.”**

1. They are humble and demonstrate love

**Ephesians 4:2**

**“with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love.”**

1. They don’t always tell you what you want to hear. Instead, they are willing to rebuke you if necessary out of love for you.

**Proverbs 9:8b**

**“Rebuke a wise man,**

**and he will love you.”**

* Everyone needs to be close to someone who will ask them the hard questions about their lives. A faithful friend will ask these questions and not rest until he gets the right answers.
* With this in mind, remember, leaders are called to build faithful followers/leaders.
* **A GENERAL CALL IN HIS MISSION** 
  + **“exhort the young men to be sober-minded”** – urge or strong entreat; a compassionate appeal.
  + **“sober-minded”** – it suggests the exercise of that self-restraint that governs all passions and desires. It’s a call to self-control and self-discipline, the careful management of one’s life. Cultivate balance and self-restraint.
  + *“The more freedom granted, the more self-control needed.”*

**Romans 12:3**

**“for I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly…”**

* + Word carries the idea of being in complete control. Remember, “self-control” is fruit of the Spirit. It refers to restraining passions and appetites.

**1 Corinthians 9:25-27**

**“And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”**