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What will we leave behind when we die?

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We understand life is fragile, but have we ever asked ourselves “What will I leave behind when I die?” This has nothing to do with life insurance or wills and testaments. We want to look more specifically at the elements of our example people will remember and how we can leave behind a legacy of servitude.

Were we a faithful servant of God? Of all the important aspects of our life, this one is really the most important, as all other qualities come from our decision to either serve God or serve ourselves. When it comes down to it, our service to God is all we take with us to Judgment, and either our service will be found acceptable, or we will be rejected. Service to God encompasses a great deal; from avoiding sin and temptation to pursuing righteousness. This will include how zealous we are to save souls. We often talk about setting goals to talk to people about the Bible or about coming to church. Yet, at the root of the issue is the question of how much we care about other people’s souls. In I Cor. 9:18-22, Paul shows us how important it was for him to save others; we find that he was willing to become all things to all people so that he might save some. He became a servant of others and sought their well-being because he cared, realizing their souls were in jeopardy.

Were we a faithful servant to our brethren? We find in I Pet. 1:22 that we’re to have fervent love for our brethren. Fervent love should, by definition, produce action. The way we conduct ourselves with our brethren define whether we truly love them. We are to be selfless, seeking to

help one another as we journey towards Heaven. One of the ways we help each other is to edify by example. Our example of service to God, to our brethren, and to the lost and dying of the world can be a source of great encouragement to others.

Were we a faithful servant to our family?

We may not often consider ourselves a servant to our family, yet as husbands, wives, mothers, and fathers, we have commands from God regarding how we are to conduct ourselves. We must realize and understand that our family will probably know us far better than anyone else. This makes it even more important that we set a godly example for them. What we consider important our children will also consider important. If our children see that worshipping God is important to us every Sunday, then they will be more likely to also consider it important. This holds true in daily devotion to God as well. If we put forth the effort of studying our Bibles every day, our children will see and emulate us. This also works in reverse. If our children see that we put forth no effort to spend time with the brethren, they will assume that it just isn’t important. We must make sure that we are always setting a godly example ...little eyes are watching.

In the end, our lives consist of a single focus: serving God. In serving God, there are three areas in which our example can have an impact on others: serving our neighbor, serving our brethren, and serving our family. How will we be remembered?