

Legacy



The word "legacy," according to Webster's Dictionary is described as anything that is handed down or received from the past -- a birthright, a tradition, an heirloom or an estate. Peter Strople, who is considered to be "The Most Connected Man in America," has said, "Legacy is not leaving something for people, it's leaving something in people." Legacy, as it relates to our children, grandchildren and our businesses is more than financial endowments. A legacy is about creating lasting memories, instilling values and remembrances that are passed down from generation to generation.

Legacy is received. Take time to explore and consider the legacy that was passed down to you. What ethical, spiritual and moral principles were passed on to you, spoken or unspoken from your forefathers? How do they impact the way that you conduct your life, today? Are their points

of the legacy that were handed down to you that seemed to be an outdated way of thinking? Or are we somehow being influenced by the media and others to abandon that which we may feel is part of who we are? How have they impacted your life?

Legacy is passed on like a baton. As human beings, we get to carry the baton for a short time while we are here on earth. I believe that the baton we hold during our leg of the race gets molded while we hold it in our hand. It gets shaped and fashioned by our own life experiences and how we act and react according to the degree with which we follow the "guidelines" of our Legacy. What will the baton look like when it is passed from you into the hands of those that come after you?

Legacy is generational. Legacy is passed down from generation to generation from those who have gone before us and your legacy will long outlive you. A legacy is essentially a passing on of yourself – your ideologies, your principles and beliefs. What do you want to pass on to those who you may never meet? How do you want them to remember the life you lived?

What deposits will you make into your family, your friends and your business partners? Will they be deposits that will gain interest? Let's make a commitment today to pay closer attention to the legacy we have and the one we are passing on and make the next generation's race an amazing one.