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How to Leave a Legacy Acts 2:42-47

As we travel through this life there are some important things that we should be planning to leave behind. We need to leave behind a legacy (something received from an ancestor, predecessor, or the past). What we leave behind will help determine what the future looks like for our families.

A Legacy of Prayer. The importance of prayer. In the upper room leaders and followers were together in prayer. God responds to Kingdom prayers- prayers will change you as it did those in the early church and it will affect our effectiveness as a church. If anything good is going to happen in our lives as individuals or as a church we have got to be people of prayer. We need an encounter with God that will stir and change and revive us. We need to unhappily until God has His way in our lives. The best footprints follow knee prints.

A Legacy of Devotion for the Word of God. To become more like Jesus is only possible if God directs both our thinking and behaviour. We need to study and apply the word of God to our lives and our church. William Phelps said, "...I believe the knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible." Continual devotion to the Word of God makes us able to contend for the faith and able to build ourselves up in our most holy faith. There is a correlation between what we believe, how we behave and how we feel. We need to get the Word of God into our hearts, minds and lives. If we act in accordance with that Word then the excitement, expectancy and awe will be there. The way we respond to the Word of God is the way we respond to the Son of God. The Word of God is the compass by which we navigate through this dark foggy world.

A Legacy of Caring for One Another.- devotion to the church. There were no lone soldiers in the early church. There are so many things vying for our attention, we should never take for granted the fact that someone chooses to come to church. We need to take notice of who is here and who isn't and follow up on it. God's plan for each of us is that we become involved in the work and care of the church, the furthering of the Kingdom.

A Legacy Of Soul Winning. v. 47; people are added to the church through people. Look for opportunities to share; they may be unique. God knows what bait to use for each fish, just be open to being used as the hook.

God is concerned about the kind of legacy we leave behind. This kind means success in God's sight.