









Leaving a Cross-Centered Inheritance



Explore how men can leave a lasting spiritual legacy by embracing God's gifts and reflecting Christ's love, beyond material wealth.



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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study plan on **"Leaving a Cross-Centered Inheritance."** As men, we often think about what legacy we will leave behind — financial assets, worldly achievements, or titles. However, the most enduring inheritance isn't about money or possessions, but rather the spiritual gifts, faith, and character we pass on to those we love.

In this journey, we will explore biblical truths about how men can intentionally cultivate a spiritual legacy rooted in Christ's love and power. Our guiding conviction is that a godly inheritance reflects the heart of the cross, revealing God's grace, mercy, and strength in the next generation.

Throughout Scripture, men like Abraham, Joseph, David, Paul, and Timothy demonstrate how God's gifts and faithfulness enabled them to leave lasting spiritual impacts. Today's culture often prioritizes material success, but Jesus redirected our focus: "...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (**Matthew 6:20**). This study encourages you to examine what spiritual gifts God has given you and how you can purposefully develop and deposit those gifts in the lives of others.

Each day includes a primary Scripture reading with supporting verses, a devotional to inspire your heart, reflection questions to deepen your understanding, journaling prompts to personalize your journey, and a prayer to guide your conversations with God. May this time be transformative as you



embrace your role as a spiritual leader and mentor, empowered to leave a cross-centered inheritance that lasts long beyond your earthly life.





Day 1: Embracing Your Spiritual Legacy



Your Verse

2 Timothy 1:5 – "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 22:6 – "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*
- *Psalms 78:4 – "We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD."*



Devotional: Start Building Your Spiritual Legacy Today

Legacy begins with faith passed down intentionally. The Apostle Paul's encouragement to Timothy reminds us that spiritual faith is often nurtured through generational example. In a world filled with distractions, the sincere faith modeled by Lois and Eunice stands out as a prototype of cross-centered inheritance.

Your spiritual legacy is the faith you live out daily and the example you provide to those who watch and learn from you. It is not just about what you say but who you are. Are you reflecting Christ's character and love in your role as a father, mentor, friend, or leader? The foundation of a lasting spiritual inheritance is intentional investment in others' faith.

Think about how simple daily actions—praying with your children, demonstrating integrity at work, responding to challenges with grace—can plant seeds that grow for generations. God's kingdom advances through men who understand the powerful role they have in shaping future disciples.

Start today by asking God to reveal the specific spiritual gifts He wants to mature in your life and to help you pass on a heritage that honors Christ above all.



Reflect and Apply

1. Who are the key people God has placed in your life to influence your faith journey?

2. What spiritual qualities do you want others to remember about you?

3. How consistent is your daily walk with Christ as an example for others?



Journaling Prompts

1. List three ways your family or mentors passed faith to you.

2. Write about a moment when someone's faith deeply impacted you.

3. Identify one spiritual gift you want to nurture in yourself.



Day 1:  Embracing Your Spiritual Legacy

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for the example of faithful men and women who have come before me. *Help me embrace the spiritual legacy I'm called to build.* Reveal the gifts You've given me and how I can use them to bless others.

I want to leave behind more than possessions—I want to leave hearts changed by Your love and truth. Equip me to be a living testimony of Your grace so that future generations might know You.

Guide me to lead with humility, courage, and faith. In Jesus' name, Amen. 





Day 2: 🔥 Igniting the Gifts Within You



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Your Verse

2 Timothy 1:6 – "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 12:6 – "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."*
- *1 Peter 4:10 – "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others."*



Day 2: 🔥 Igniting the Gifts Within You

Devotional: Fan the Flame of Your Spiritual Gifts

The Holy Spirit has placed unique spiritual gifts within you. Just as a dormant fire can be overlooked and forgotten, so can our God-given abilities if we neglect to nurture them. Paul's call to Timothy is a call for all men to actively fan into flame the gifts God has entrusted to them.

Spiritual gifts are not simply for personal benefit but to serve God's kingdom and others. Whether your gift is encouragement, teaching, leadership, faith, or another, it demands attention, practice, and surrender to God's guidance.

Sometimes fears, busyness, or distractions can cause spiritual gifts to lie dormant. This day challenges you to identify any spiritual gifts you may have overlooked or underused and ask God how to activate them for His glory.

As you seek to fan your spiritual gifts into flame, remember God's power works best through willing and humble hearts. Your active involvement in this process invites God's presence to deepen your effectiveness and impact.



Day 2: 🔥 Igniting the Gifts Within You

Reflect and Apply

1. What spiritual gifts do you sense God has given you?

2. Are there any gifts you've neglected or put aside? Why?

3. How can you begin to step out in faith to activate your gifts today?



Journaling Prompts

1. Describe your spiritual gifts and how you've seen them at work.

2. Write about a time you stepped out in a spiritual gift and what happened.

3. List three practical ways you can develop your gifts this week.



Day 2: 🔥 Igniting the Gifts Within You

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the gifts You have given me. *Help me not to neglect or hide them, but to fan them into flame by Your Spirit's power.* Give me courage and wisdom to use my gifts boldly and humbly for Your service.

May my life reflect Your glory as I serve others and build Your kingdom.

Ignite a passion in me to grow closer to You and become all You have called me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🔥🙏✨



Day 3: ✂ Building Character Through Challenges



Your Verse

James 1:2-4 - "Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 5:3-5 - "Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."*
- *1 Peter 1:6-7 - "Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy."*



Day 3: ✂ Building Character Through Challenges

Devotional: Let Trials Shape Your Spiritual Character

Challenges shape and refine our character in lasting ways. Men are often tempted to hide from trials or grow bitter and angry when difficulties arise. Scripture reveals, however, that God uses hardships as a refining fire to form perseverance and mature faith.

When we choose joy and trust in God amid trials, our character deepens and our spiritual inheritance strengthens. This maturity transcends circumstances and becomes a witness to others.

Think about men in the Bible like Joseph, who endured betrayal and imprisonment, yet remained faithful and grew in godly character. His legacy impacted countless lives, proving trials can be fertile ground for spiritual gifts to flourish.

So today, lean into challenges as opportunities for growth rather than setbacks, trusting that God is working all things for your good and His glory.



Reflect and Apply

1. How have past challenges shaped your faith and character?

2. In what ways can you choose joy and trust in present struggles?

3. How can your responses to trials inspire others toward faith?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a difficult situation where God developed your character.

2. Identify attitudes or habits you need to surrender to God in tough times.

3. Describe how perseverance has impacted your spiritual inheritance.



Day 3: ✂ Building Character Through Challenges

Prayer for Today

God, help me to see my trials through Your eyes. *Teach me to find joy and trust You deeply as I face challenges.* Strengthen my character through perseverance and faith.

May my struggles not be wasted but transform me into a man You can use mightily.

Thank You for working all things together for my good. In Jesus' name,
Amen. ✂ 🙏 💪





Day 4: ❤️ Loving as Christ Loved



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Your Verse

John 13:34-35 - "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - "Love is patient, love is kind... It always protects, always trusts..."*
- *Ephesians 5:25 - "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."*



Day 4: ❤️ Loving as Christ Loved

Devotional: Reflect Christ's Love in Your Relationships

Love is the hallmark of a man who leaves a cross-centered inheritance. Jesus' call to love as He loved elevates the standard beyond feelings to sacrificial action.

True spiritual inheritance is measured by the love we extend to family, friends, and even strangers. Love reflects God's presence in and through us, marking us as His disciples.

Men have a vital role as leaders of love in their homes and communities. This means choosing patience over anger, kindness over selfishness, and humility over pride. **Christ's model invites us to lay down our own rights to serve others selflessly.**

Consider how your love shapes the spiritual climate around you. A legacy of love is one that blesses and blesses again — a treasure stored up in heaven.



Day 4: ❤️ Loving as Christ Loved

Reflect and Apply

1. How does your love reflect Christ's sacrificial example?

2. Where can you practice greater patience and kindness today?

3. How does love shape the legacy you want to leave behind?



Day 4: ❤️ Loving as Christ Loved

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you experienced Christ's love through another man.

2. List practical ways to show sacrificial love in your family.

3. Reflect on barriers you must overcome to love more fully.



Day 4: ❤️ Loving as Christ Loved

Prayer for Today

Jesus, teach me to love as You love. *Help me to put aside selfishness and serve those around me with patience, kindness, and sacrifice.* May my love be a testimony that points others to You.

Thank You for loving me first and showing me how to love deeply.

Empower me to lead with love and leave a legacy of compassion. In Your holy name, Amen. ❤️ 🙏 ❤️





Day 5: 💡 Leading with Wisdom and Humility



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Your Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Supporting Scriptures

- *James 1:5 - "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."*
- *Philippians 2:3 - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."*



Day 5: 💡 Leading with Wisdom and Humility

Devotional: Lead with Godly Wisdom and Humility

Men are called to lead not by force or pride, but through wisdom and humility. The Proverbs remind us that true wisdom begins with trusting God fully and submitting to His guidance.

Leadership grounded in God's wisdom brings clarity and peace even in complex situations. Humility enables leaders to value others, admit mistakes, and grow continually.

In a world often driven by self-promotion, men who lead with Christlike humility stand out as beacons of hope and strength. This kind of leadership fosters unity, trust, and spiritual growth, leaving a profound inheritance.

Seek God daily for wisdom to lead your family, work, and community in ways that honor Him.



Reflect and Apply

1. How do you currently seek God's wisdom when making decisions?

2. Are there areas where pride blocks your leadership effectiveness?

3. How can humility enhance your ability to influence others spiritually?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a leadership experience where God's wisdom guided you.

2. Identify attitudes you need to surrender to lead humbly.

3. List ways to demonstrate humility in your daily leadership roles.



Day 5: 💡 Leading with Wisdom and Humility

Prayer for Today

Lord, I trust You with all my heart. *Give me Your wisdom to lead according to Your will and humbly serve those around me.* Help me to value others above myself and to follow Your path faithfully.

Thank You for guiding my steps and making my paths straight.

Use me as Your servant leader to build Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.





Day 6: Investing in the Next Generation



Your Verse

Psalm 112:1-2 - "Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands. His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Deuteronomy 6:6-7 - "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road."*
- *Titus 2:6-8 - "Encourage the young men to be self-controlled. Then they can be an example to those who believe."*



Devotional: Mentor and Empower Future Generations

Our spiritual inheritance flourishes most when invested in the next generation. Psalm 112 highlights the blessings that come when a man fears God and diligently teaches His ways.

Intentional mentoring, teaching, and modeling godly living can empower young men and others to stand firm in their faith. As men, this responsibility is not optional but a vital part of our legacy.

Think about how you can invest time, wisdom, and love into younger men, sons, or mentees. Whether through conversations, shared experiences, or prayer, your influence can ignite a faith that continues beyond your lifetime.

Commit to nurturing future spiritual leaders who will carry the cross-centered message forward.



Reflect and Apply

1. Who are the younger men or individuals God has placed in your life?

2. How intentional are you about sharing your faith and wisdom with them?

3. What legacy do you want to see reflected in the next generation?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about men who mentored you and their impact.

2. List three ways you can encourage spiritual growth in others.

3. Reflect on qualities you want to pass on to future generations.



Day 6: 🌱 Investing in the Next Generation

Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for the privilege of investing in the next generation. *Give me wisdom, patience, and love to nurture those You place in my path.* Help me to be a faithful mentor who inspires others to follow Christ boldly. May Your truth take root and flourish through the lives I influence. *Use me to build eternal legacy through people, not possessions.* In Jesus' name, Amen. 🌱 🙏 👥





Day 7: 🎁 Living a Legacy That Endures



Your Verse

Hebrews 13:7 - "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 5:17 - "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come."*
- *Matthew 6:20 - "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven."*



Devotional: Live Today as Your Lasting Legacy

Legacy is not what you leave behind when you die but what you live out every day. As men, the way we live impacts generations and reflects the authenticity of our faith.

Hebrews challenges us to remember godly leaders and follow their example, emphasizing faith lived out, not just words spoken. A legacy rooted in Christ transcends time and circumstance because it is anchored in eternal truth.

Consider how your daily choices point others either toward or away from Christ. Aim to store up treasures in heaven by living as a new creation, empowered by His Spirit.

Choose today to live with intentionality and purpose so your spiritual inheritance becomes a beacon of hope and transformation.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does your daily life reflect the faith you want to pass on?

2. What areas of your life need transformation to leave a Christ-centered legacy?

3. Who can you encourage to follow your example of faith?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write down key values that reflect your desired legacy.

2. Describe daily habits that build or hinder your spiritual inheritance.

3. Plan specific actions to align your life with God's purpose.



Day 7: 🎁 Living a Legacy That Endures

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to live each day with eternal purpose. *May my life reflect Your love, grace, and truth so that others see You through me.* Guide my steps to build a legacy rooted in Christ, not possessions.

Let my faith inspire and encourage those who follow.

Thank You for being my strength as I leave a lasting cross-centered inheritance. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🎁 🙏 ✨





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