



Step 9 of the *Stewardship Well Done Journey* is **legacy**.

When it comes to leaving a legacy, most people focus on the end of their lives. One of the most important shifts we can make in our thinking about legacy is that *today* is the day to think about legacy. The decisions we make today directly affect our lives in the future. Just like a mosaic is comprised of hundreds of tiles that form one picture, each *today* is a tile in the mosaic of your legacy - the picture of your stewardship journey with the Lord.

Consider this passage of Scripture:

For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you."
Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2 NLT)

Paul writes that "the 'right time' is now." Discuss why the right time to be concerned with your legacy is now? *How* do your "todays" affect your legacy?

Consider for a moment that this verse of Scripture is about "the day of salvation." Many Christians associate their salvation primarily with a heavenly reward - and that is certainly part of it - but is that *all* there is to our salvation? Is it only about the end of our lives? Discuss how putting God first in your life applies to the following and see which are "today" things and which are "tomorrow":

- With God at the center of my life, I am saved *by* (see *Ephesians 2:8*):
- With God at the center of my life, I am saved *from* (see *John 3:16*):
- With God at the center of my life, I am saved *for* (see *Ephesians 2:10*):
- With God at the center of my life, I am saved *to* (see *2 Timothy 1:9*):

At the beginning of the *Stewardship Well Done Journey* we began with priorities. What is the difference between stating our priorities and living our priorities? What would you think about someone who clearly states their priorities, but does not act upon them?



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Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. (James 1:22-25 NIV)

Why is mere listening to the word self-deception?

Think about times in your own life where you've been blessed with the grace to be a doer of the Word of God. How did those moments change the direction of your legacy?

When it comes to our finances, we often associate legacy with the amount of money we leave behind to others. If that is true, then amassing wealth should be the primary point of our lives before we pass on. However, there is much, much more to stewardship than amassing wealth. All of life is a stewardship journey. How do you manage the resources entrusted to your care regardless of the amount? How does your stewardship *now* change your legacy *later*?

Discuss four ways one can leave a rich and godly stewardship legacy regardless of the amount of money or possessions they leave behind?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Now, consider for a moment that some financial wealth were added to the godly ways and values you just listed above. Who could be blessed? What could be accomplished? What priorities for ministry could be funded? What needs could be met?

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Journal a prayer.

In closing, write a prayer to the Lord about your own legacy. Share your heart with Him and ask to be made new today - *now* - so that your “tomorrows” will lead to a godly legacy.

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