

Building a Bridge

Building a strong, lasting, and positive legacy can be compared to building a strong, lasting, and supportive bridge. Show your players pictures of all types of bridges – rope, wooden, steel, high above the ground, no guard rails, huge, sturdy, Golden Gate like, etc. Talk about which bridges they would feel comfortable crossing (be sure to pick some that don't look safe at all). Ask them what type of bridge they would want to build if they were an engineer and hired to do the job. One where those who walk across feel completely safe (don't even realize they are crossing a bridge) or one where people are worried whether or not they will even get across. Finish with asking what kind of legacy they want to build.

Dictionary Definition of the word “Legacy”

1. anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor (*dictionary.com*)
2. something that someone has achieved that continues to exist after they stop working or die (*macmillandictionary.com*)

Biblical Definition (Matthew 7:24-27)

24"So then, everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a wise man. He builds his house on the rock. 25The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. But it does not fall. It is built on the rock. 26"But everyone who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man. He builds his house on sand. 27The rain comes down. The water rises. The winds blow and beat against that house. And it falls with a loud crash."

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What story is your life telling? My story is a simple one: God can take a mess of a life with the deck stacked against it and redeem it. That is my story. We all have one to tell. And we all need to take stock of our lives and ask ourselves, **“What is my life all about? What is the legacy I will leave? How will I be remembered?”**

This is important to think about as we're getting older. But it's also important to think about when we're young. In our youth, we chart the course that our lives will take. We develop habits, develop direction, and make decisions like the career path we will follow and the person we will marry. It's a critical time to make the right decisions, because when we get older, we become set in our ways. That is not a bad thing, necessarily. If we establish good habits like regular Bible study, prayer, and being a disciplined part of the church, we will follow those as well.

It comes down to this: **We will decide the evening of our life by the morning of it. We will decide the end by the beginning. The stand we make today will determine what stand we make tomorrow.**

Medical science can seek to add years to your life, but only God can add life to your years and give you a life that is worth living.