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A SPIRITUAL LEGACY

“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, and the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous,” Proverbs 13:22. This proverb contrasts the endurance of a Godly example passed on from generation to generation to the much short-lived life span of material wealth. Vast fortunes and estates gained through illicit means and shady morals rarely stay within the family lines and eventually find themselves in the hands of others. In complete contrast, a Godly life exemplified and taught has the lasting power to remain throughout generations even yet to come. “But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children,” Psalm 103:17. That’s a great thought! Our Godly influence and character has the lasting potential to influence not only our children, but to impact

them in such a way that it continues to flourish and remain throughout future generations. That being said, let’s think for a moment on the powerful impact of putting God first in our lives and how it can outlast even our own lifespan remaining long into the future. “For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well,” 2 Timothy 1:5.

Seek First His Kingdom And His Righteousness

If there were only one thing I were to remember about my Grandpa and Grandma Bills it’s that God came first in life above everything else. One way this was strongly exemplified and taught was through a memorable unexpected visit Grandpa Bills paid to the pitcher’s mound where my

Uncle Steve was closing out a very important game in high school. It happened to fall on a Wednesday night when it was understood that Grandpa and his family would be studying God's Word with the faithful brethren of the congregation on Wednesday night. Nothing would ever be more important than learning the truth of God's Word and seeking to follow the Lord. My Uncle was called to the mound to relief pitch for a very important game going into the night and was in the middle of working on striking out a batter when my Grandpa suddenly walked onto the field to lead him off of the mound to head to Bible Study. While my Uncle was none-too-pleased at the moment and eventually received some swift discipline from Grandpa for back-talking him on the way from the mound to the car, the impact of that lesson along with many others like it of putting God first would be easily visible. My Uncle is putting God first in his life as he is serving as an elder at the Brown Street Church of Christ in Akron, OH and has faithful children of his own he has also taught the value and importance of putting God first in their lives as well. Generations later after Grandpa and Grandma Bills made it so

evident how important faithful service to the Lord would be in their lives, that impact is still felt that nothing should come before our worship and service to God. "Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near," Hebrews 10:25. What impact will we have on future generations in this?

All Scripture Is Inspired By God And Profitable For Teaching

From all the various occasions of dropping in for a visit at Grandpa and Grandma Bills' house in Akron, OH, the moments that stick out to me are the ones when I found them reading their bibles or listening to a sermon they had already sat through the first time on Sunday but listening to it again to study it further. Many times when I'd walk in the house to find them listening to a recorded sermon preached sometime weeks ago at the Southeast Church of Christ, and it was evident they weren't going to turn it off simply because I had arrived and would finish listening with bibles open on their laps, I'd sit on the couch listening to the rest of the sermon right along with them. My mother would often take time during the day when I

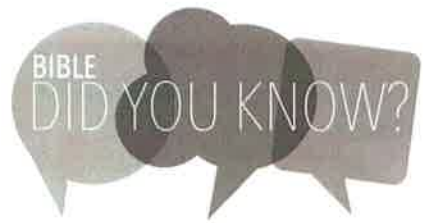
was young to impress upon me the value and importance of reading and studying the bible. My earliest memories of learning of the faith of Daniel in the den of lions and David taking down a giant with his sling come from a book of Bible Stories for Children my mother would read to me every day. "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work," 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What impact will we have on future generations in this?

Visit Orphans And Widows In their Distress

Spending the night at Grandpa and Grandma Bills' house was one of my favorite things to enjoy and highly anticipate when I was younger. I couldn't wait to go and play and spend the night inevitably being treated to a big bowl of ice cream and playing games through the night. On many occasions I can vividly remember Grandpa saying he had a few errands to run and would bring me along. These errands often included stopping by to physically lift one elderly man from his wheelchair into his bed for the night, or checking in on some widow to

see what needed done around the house or property for the evening. The one that sticks with me the most was when I decided it was time to start learning to do this myself after I had been a Christian for several years. I went to visit a woman in a nursing home for the first time when I discovered her only way of communicating was touching the letters of the alphabet on a laminated sheet of letters. The first thing she spelled out to me after I told her who I was: "Your Grandpa made this for me." "I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me," Matthew 25:36. What impact will we have on future generations in this?

– Daniel Ruegg



Jesus preferred obedient disciples over honoring the Virgin Mary. "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed." But He said, 'On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'
Luke 11:27-28

FIFTH SUNDAY PHOTOS

Every fifth Sunday of the month, we try to highlight some of great things happening around our congregation that were captured through photography. If you happen to get a good picture of one of those great things, please feel free to post it on our Facebook page, tag us on Instagram (@wellsburgchurch), tweet us at @wellsburgchurch, or e-mail us at minister@wellsburgchurchofchrist.com with a little description of what is happening in the picture.



Nathan and Shannon Marshall celebrated their 1 year anniversary in the beautiful Smokey Mountains! Congratulations lovebirds!



NFL pro, Josh Robinson, wore cleats having the names of every child adopted through Sacred Selections this year with Gideon's name on them!



Several members got together to do some last minute holiday shopping and enjoy a meal at Steak and Shake! "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1



It was a great turnout at the Marshall's to help put together gift baskets for the sick and shut in. The baskets were packed with all sorts of great goodies thanks to the generous donations of so many!