

What God Says About **Inheritance**

You are going to die and it is a good thing to think about it while there is still time . . . yes, a wise man thinks much of death, while the fool thinks only of having a good time now.
Ecclesiastes 7:1-4

America is a culture intent upon passing its wealth on to a new generation, believing that the significance of the departing patriarch is determined by the size of the bequests left behind. It was just 101 years ago that William Vanderbilt, the heir to the Vanderbilt fortune who received \$60 million for being born from the right womb, offered this insight: “Inherited wealth is as certain death to ambition as cocaine is to morality.” Was he right? Is there a better measure of quality parenting that the size of the dough left to Junior? Not surprisingly, God has offered His insights on this all-important subject . . . That’s our study!

Lord, help me to realize how brief my time on earth will be. Help me to know that I am here for but a moment more. My life is no longer than my hand! My whole lifetime is but a moment to You. Proud man! Frail as breath! A shadow! And all his busy rushing ends in nothing. He heaps up riches for someone else to spend. And so, Lord, my only hope is in You.

Psalm 39:4-7

▪ **Principles About Inheritance**

1. **God’s legacy is freedom to work and prosper.**
Leviticus 25:8-13
2. **Leaving money to lazy people is a waste of one’s life.**
Ecclesiastes 2:20-23
3. **The godly man impacts many generations.**
Proverbs 13:22; Deuteronomy 7:9

▪ **What God Wants You to Pass on to your Kids**

1. **The desire to fear God.**
Deuteronomy 6:2
2. **The desire to obey God.**
Deuteronomy 6:2,3
3. **The desire to love God.**
Deuteronomy 6:4,5
4. **The desire to worship God.**
Deuteronomy 6:13

▪ **How God Expects You to Pass it on to Your Kids**

1. **Think about His Word.**
Deuteronomy 6:6
2. **Teach them through example.**
Deuteronomy 6:7
3. **Talk about God with them.**
Deuteronomy 6:7
4. **Tie reminders up around you.**
Deuteronomy 6:8,9

▪ **Notes**