

How Much Inheritance for Our Children?

Case Study #16

Scenario

How we handle money and inheritance reflects our posture, beliefs, and heart condition. Are we owners or stewards? Do we use inheritance to control behavior or teach stewardship?

King Solomon's laments in Ecclesiastes 2:18-21 reveal his despair about not having a worthy son to inherit his fortune. Despite being the wisest man, he failed to model and teach his children.

Proverbs 13:22 and 20:21 emphasize the importance of leaving a lasting legacy, not just financial wealth. Psalm 112:1-5 highlights the benefits of fearing the Lord and imparting biblical values to our children. Examples of children without the fear of God, such as Eli's sons (1 Samuel 2:12) and Samuel's sons (1 Samuel 8:1-3), serve as warnings. Proverbs 17:25 reminds us that a foolish son brings grief to his father.

What can we learn?

1. **Teach and model biblical values for our children from a young age.**
2. **We are accountable to God for how we use resources and what we leave for our children.**
3. Tutor our children, allowing them freedom to fail and learn from our experience.
4. Prepare our children to handle business and money.

Job's example in Job 31:6-28 demonstrates his commitment to fearing God, caring for the poor, and handling money wisely. He provided for his children and taught them biblical values.

Concluding remarks:

1. Teaching biblical values is a lifelong responsibility.
2. We must use resources wisely and be accountable to God.
3. **Tutoring and preparing our children is crucial for their success.**



WHAT DO WE DO?

As a responsible Christian Business Owner, how can you balance providing for your children's needs with teaching them stewardship and responsibility?



PROVERBS 13:22

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.



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In all the land no women were found as beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritances among their brothers.

How can Christian families balance preparing children, to handle business and money, with teaching them to fear God and handle resources wisely?

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1 Samuel 8:1

Now it came about, when Samuel was old, that he appointed his sons as judges over Israel.

Reflection Questions:

Considering the warnings about children without the fear of God (like Eli's sons and Samuel's sons), how can parents prioritize imparting biblical values to their children?

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