

LIVE STRONG

STRONG JOURNEY, PART 6

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What can you give in exchange for your soul?
Mark 8:37

A STRONG LEGACY RESULTS FROM...

- Righteous Deeds
- Influence for Good
- A Pure Soul

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.
Psalm 112:6 (NRSV)

HOW TO LEAVE A STRONG LEGACY

1. Decide: I Will _____
Purpose.

David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, died.
Acts 13:36 (NRSV)

I (Paul) reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me; I only want to complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do.
Acts 20:24(GN)

2. Take Some Small Step _____

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
Matthew 25:23

What good will it be for you to gain the whole world, yet forfeit your soul?

Matthew 16:26

"Angel Stadium" Declaration

I will live the rest of my life serving God's purposes with God's people on God's planet for God's glory. I will use my life to celebrate his presence, cultivate his character, participate in his family, demonstrate his love, and communicate his Word.

Since my past has been forgiven, and I have a purpose for living and a home awaiting in heaven, I refuse to waste any more time or energy on shallow living, petty thinking, trivial talking, thoughtless doing, useless regretting, hurtful resenting, or faithless worrying.

Instead I will magnify God, grow to maturity, serve in ministry, and fulfill my mission in the membership of his family. Because this life is preparation for the next, I will value worship over wealth, "we" over "me," character over comfort, service over status, and people over possessions, position, and pleasures. I know what matters most and I'll give it all I've got. I'll do the best I can with what I have for Jesus Christ today.

I won't be captivated by culture, manipulated by critics, motivated by praise, frustrated by problems, debilitated by temptation, or intimidated by the devil. I'll keep running my race with my eyes on the goal, not the sidelines or those running by me. When times get tough and I get tired, I won't back up, back off, back down, back out, or backslide. I'll just keep moving forward by God's grace. I'm Spirit-led, purpose-driven, and mission-focused, so I cannot be bought, I will not be compromised, and I shall not quit until I finish the race.

I'm a trophy of God's amazing grace so I will be gracious to everyone, grateful for every day, and generous with everything that God entrusts to me.

To my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I say: However, whenever, wherever, and whatever you ask me to do, my answer in advance is yes! Wherever you lead and whatever the cost, I'm ready. Anytime. Anywhere. Any way. Whatever it takes Lord; whatever it takes! I want to be used by you in such a way that on that final day I'll hear you say, "Well done, thou good and faithful one. Come on in, and let the eternal party begin!"

"This is the true joy in life --- being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one.... I want to be thoroughly used up when I die. The harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life ---- Life is no brief candle for me. It's sort of a splendid torch which I've got a hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

George Bernard Shaw

"We have an opportunity to do something great."

Tim Tebow

* All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted