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What Kind of Legacy Will You Leave?

Since my dad went to heaven in February, my sister (btw...a great sister) and I have been working to finalize my dad's estate. There were actually two material things I really wanted from my dad....the Hampton family Bible and the shotgun that my granddad used when I was growing up hunting quail with him and my dad. As we've gone thru these things, his financial affairs and other keepsake memories for us, I've spent a lot of time reflecting on all the things I received from my dad. I even gave a list at his Celebration Service. All this caused me to start thinking about legacy. (Legacy is "something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.") So, what was my legacy from my dad? It was simple for me to know....it came from one of his favorite verses.

Ecclesiastes 7:1 "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

My dad left me with a good family name because of the way he lived. While I can never measure up to his standards, he left me with a "legacy" of name to strive to measure up to AND to do better in the "legacy" of the name I leave my children.

So, perhaps we should all ask ourselves what legacy are we leaving when our time on earth is over? How has our world changed (for better or worse) because we lived?

Lord, every day give me the direction to honor our family name for you.