



Monday Men's Bible Study  
Monday, May 4, 2026  
"Long Legacy" – Leaving What Outlives You  
Backdrop: Gradually Then Suddenly – Mark Batterson (Part 3, p. 161)

Theme: Legacy is not what you leave TO people, it's what you leave IN people.

### Opening Scripture (NLT)

Psalm 145:4 (NLT)

"Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power."

### Chapter Summary – "Long Legacy"

Batterson emphasizes that legacy is built over time—not in moments, but in movements of consistency. What seems small today becomes significant tomorrow. The "suddenly" moments we celebrate are usually the result of years of unseen faithfulness.

He challenges us to think generationally:

- What are you passing down?
- Who are you pouring into?
- What will still be speaking when you're gone?

Key Idea: You don't build legacy accidentally—you build it intentionally.

### Teaching Framework

#### 1. Legacy Is Built Daily, Not Declared Suddenly

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NLT)

"Repeat them again and again to your children..."

Legacy isn't one big moment—it's daily deposits.

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### Teaching Insight:

- You don't wake up one day and have a legacy—you live into it
- What you repeat, you reproduce

Man Talk:

If your children or those watching you copied your habits, would they inherit strength or struggle?

Illustration:

Like going to the gym—results don't show up overnight, but consistency transforms your body. Same with your legacy.

### 2. Legacy Lives Through People, Not Possessions

2 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)

"Teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others."

### Teaching Insight:

- Your greatest investment is not your bank account—it's your impact account
- Legacy is relational, not material

Man Talk:

You can leave money and still leave a mess—but if you leave wisdom, discipline, and faith, you've left wealth that can't be spent away.

### 3. Legacy Requires Long Obedience in the Same Direction

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good..."

### Teaching Insight:

- Legacy builders don't quit when it's inconvenient
- They stay faithful when nobody is clapping

Man Talk:

A real man doesn't just start strong—he stays strong

Illustration:

A relay race—if one runner drops the baton, the whole team suffers. Legacy is passing the baton well.

Biblical Example – Abraham

Genesis 17:7 (NLT)

"I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you..."

God's blessings are often bigger than you—they're meant to flow through you.

### Reflection Questions:

1. What are you currently building that will outlive you?
2. Who are you intentionally pouring into?
3. If your life became a blueprint, what kind of man would it produce?

### **Practical Application:**

- Start a Legacy Conversation
- Model One Discipline Publicly
- Write Your Legacy Statement

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What's the difference between success and legacy?
2. Who poured into you—and how did it shape your life?
3. What habits are you passing down without even realizing it?
4. Why do many men focus more on provision than presence?
5. What would change if you started thinking generationally today?

### **Support Scriptures:**

- Proverbs 13:22
- Psalm 78:4-7
- Joshua 4:6-7
- 1 Corinthians 11:1

### **Closing Charge:**

Don't just make a living—make a legacy.

### **Closing Prayer:**

“Lord, help us to live lives that speak even when we're silent. Give us the discipline to build daily, the wisdom to pour into others, and the faith to believe that what we do today will bless generations tomorrow. In Jesus' name, Amen.”