



WOW: Word Of the Week

Legacy

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On Grandparents' Day, Jan and I were blessed to share the day with family as three of our grandchildren were baptized into Christ. Our eldest son, their father, used the words of the song, "My Children Walk in Truth," in his comments to the church before he baptized his children into the Lord. As he was speaking of his desire to pass on faith, I kept thinking about the word legacy.

One definition says that a legacy is something transmitted to future generations. Paul transmitted a spiritual legacy of ministry to Timothy and encouraged Timothy to pass it on. Timothy's mother and grandmother transmitted a legacy of faith to Timothy.

When I see a spiritual legacy being transferred, I am blessed. I remember those who blessed me and guided me in the steps of faith. I think of the thousands who have received a spiritual legacy of faith that is being passed from generation to generation to generation of God's people, so that future generations know the Lord and know of his marvelous works.

One of the times when the spiritual legacy is most visible is in the simple act of baptism. Again and again, faith is seen, and God's people are reminded of the need to share faith. The beauty of legacy keeps me actively sharing the gospel of Jesus. May God help all of his people see this beauty.

Frankly, I just can't get enough of this legacy thing in Christ!

I prayed to feel more joy in my salvation,
A selfish prayer, I finally came to know,
For the greatest joy while living comes to me when I am giving--
Giving children bread of life and watch them grow.

And my greatest joy is knowing that my children walk in truth,
And that they are giving you Lord of their fire and strength of youth,
Yes, I've found the greatest joy in my salvation
Is knowing that my children walk in truth.

--My Children Walk in Truth lyrics © BMG Rights Management