

The Legacy We Leave Behind

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.”

(II Corinthians 10:3-4)

Even though David was a man of courage, strength and creativity, he constantly struggled with a weakness in his life. What was it? A lustful spirit that surfaced from time to time; and those closest to him knew about it. When he grew old and could not get warm, those in his inner circle brought a young girl to lie beside him in bed that he may get heat (see 1 Kings 1:1-2). They figured if that did not get David's circulation moving, he had to be dying! But there is something very sad here. This issue of lust in David's life manifested itself in his son Amnon, who ended up raping his sister. And, although David was angry, he did not confront or punish Amnon because what could he say! After all - like father like son! Lust isn't just a whim or a passing fancy. It is sin. When it passes from one generation to the next it becomes an enemy stronghold (we call it a genetic predisposition).

Maybe somewhere in your family tree there's a workaholic father, a mother who was emotionally unavailable, a brother or sister who drank too much, and now you are wrestling with some of those same issues. God says that the weapons we fight with have divine power to demolish strongholds. So before you run off to a rehab center or a divorce court, name your stronghold, then pray, asking God to break its stranglehold on your family! And do it before it infects those closest to you! You don't want your legacy to be defined by the sin you wrestled with. The only way to do that is to commit to making Jesus the Lord over every area of your life! Regardless of what you want your legacy to be, I want to challenge you to consider making this your legacy: *“To live my life as a a godly individual”*.

P2R (Point 2 Remember): *“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.”* - Dr.

Billy Graham