

We all leave a legacy.

...and the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

Ruth 4:13 NIV

A negative legacy.

...for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me...

Exodus 20:5 NIV

A positive legacy.

⁵ *...he (God) gave his law to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children,* ⁶ *so the next generation might know them - even the children not yet born - that they in turn might teach their children.* ⁷ *So each generation can set its hope anew on God, remembering his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.*

Psalms 78:5-7 NLT

We have a choice as to whether our legacy will be positive or negative.

Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice and hold fast to him.

Deuteronomy 30:19,20 NIV

A legacy is not a single act. but an life.

- **Ruth lived with hope.**

When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

Ruth 1:18 NIV

- **Ruth was patiently persistent in her faith.**

So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. The she threshed the barley she had gathered...

Ruth 2:17 NIV

- **Ruth practiced servicing others.**

"I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer. "

Ruth 3:9 NIV