

GOD'S BLESSING OF PREPARING NOW FOR A LASTING HERITAGE

LEADER'S GUIDE

For Lesson 20



Providing “GOD’S NEW LIFESTYLE OF FINANCIAL FREEDOM”
Glory to God for Brothers and Sisters like yourselves.

When your people die they can only take one thing with them from earth to enjoy in heaven--

Born Again SOULS – children, friends, relatives, neighbors, colleagues, grandchildren.

As the Group Guide you have the opportunity to help your members develop a great and lasting heritage.

Live for eternity!

The prayers of God’s children are upon you.

Thank you for continuing faithfully to the end to bring financial freedom!

THE LEADER’S HOME PREPARATION

There are **7** steps you should take during your lesson preparation:

1) **Pray**

Lord God, Your throne is high and lifted up. We can’t wait to see it. Your glory shines throughout eternity. Our faces will be as radiant as Moses’ was. Holy Spirit, my body is Your temple. As I study this lesson let me continue to build an eternal inheritance and help all of my group members to do the same. Give me a big, heavenly vision. Amen!

2) **Read** the lesson as well as this Lesson Guide. This is going to be a challenging lesson. No one will be able to grasp it all. This is one that needs to be reviewed many times—in a month, in 3 months, in six months, in a year. So help people to focus on a beginning. Think about this as you yourself work through it.

3) **Do it Yourself** – Give special attention to section 4, “*Transfer wisdom With Your Will*”. You need to prepare a sample now. This will take time and thought. Follow the instructions carefully. After this be clear how you will present this and how you can instruct and guide your individual group members. Also be sure to have blank paper and pens for everyone to participate.

4) **Answer** all questions yourself on paper.

5) **Discuss** the material with a spouse or friend.

6) **Pray**

Through this lesson help my people to become wise stewards for our children and grandchildren, not only our own but those from our whole church family. Help us to know and understand and make it a high priority to leave a spiritual heritage for future generations.

7) **Closing Session.** Prepare for a party ☺

This next session is a celebration with the **“Peace Booklet”** (#21). It will be a celebration time of what we have learned with a focus of sharing it with others.

Give testimony tasks or short teaching tasks to different members. Have each member share a proverb, motto or testimony from the 20 lessons so that it is a review of what all we have learned.

Assign people to bring drinks, cake, other items. You may even want to have a meal together.

Who and what and how will decorations of the room be taken care of?

Celebrate “A whole New Lifestyle of Financial Freedom”. Give honor to those who have made large strides towards freedom. Celebrate every step. Make it a celebration and party that will long be remembered!

(a) **Confirm** tasks. At the end of this lesson you should assign all the tasks, including food and decorations. Be prepared to follow with people the week before the celebration.

(b) **Candies:** You will notice in the lesson SCHEDULE that you need to have candies as you encourage each member to sign the commitments (or re-sign them) just as an extra touch of delight. So be sure that you buy enough so that you will have about 25 pieces per person.

(c) **Brochures.** There are two brochures that will be used during the next celebration: **“Count Your Blessings”** and **“Faith Promise”**. Make sure that you have 2 copies of **“Faith Promise”** for each member of your group and 3 copies of **“Count Your Blessings”** for each person so that they can share it with someone else. Also prepare copies of the song “Count Your Blessings” so that you can sing it together. [Link to](#) or order from the GFB memo below.

(d) Prepare a special take home gift for each participant.

8) The Celebration session will take quite a bit more time than usual.

It may be best for you to propose to do it on a Saturday.

Many have opted for an extra celebration to laugh and enjoy God. Possibly add a meal and even some games or other fun activity.

9) Review the attached recommended schedules (A) & (B) and plan accordingly.

Make sure that you give yourself plenty of time to prepare well for this climatic event. Prepare your own heart to celebrate and make it a time of joy for everyone who has been involved these many weeks.

LESSON PRESENTATION

TOTAL anticipated lesson time is 2 hours and 35 minutes

Always remember: This lesson is based on **discussion**.

No testimonies this time!

Instead prepare your people to share abundantly next time. Testimonies regarding an accounting system, the full potential of a home, choosing a good name, praying for money, listening to your wife, preparing a heritage – besides all the earlier lessons (Make your next session a spiritual PARTY! Prepare your people NOW!)

PRAYER TIME –

A Lasting Heritage! Lord Jesus, You know all the earthly things we have: furniture, house or apartment, car, cell phone, computer. But we ourselves, our own soul, will outlive all these things. We need wisdom about our worldly possessions, but we need much more wisdom about building our eternal heritage. Use this lesson to give us wisdom!

Give us a Godly desire to prepare an eternal heritage for ourselves! Holy Spirit, how shall we prepare to have an eternal impact on our children and grandchildren? Help us to do what John the Baptist did. He prepared the way and made a straight path. Heavenly Father, anoint us to do that for the next generation. Amen.

This lesson is covered in 7 parts.

LESSON GUIDE

Where is your treasure? Financial Freedom is based on the prayer that the twenty lessons, identifying and illustrating God's ways, would equip you to live well and freely. Now awaits the glorious chance to exchange the time, energy, knowledge and resources that God has given for rewards in heaven that will outlast this world for all eternity. This last lesson gives insight and perspective on how this kind of rich heritage may be passed on to children and grandchildren. By His grace you may raise up foundations for many godly generations. By His grace write out a will, and prepare an inheritance that will carry on a testament of God's ways and His supernatural provision. May God in His mercy work through each of us to show the excellency of His wisdom and His great power.

"I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity."

— John Wesley

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1. PREPARE NOW FOR A LASTING HERITAGE

pp. 1–2 > 10 min <

JACOB – A wrestler for unseen riches

Follow Jacob's example in valuing "unseen" riches! Cover each of these 3 opening Bible verses with questions for the group.

Restitution and Wrestling – (Gen. 32:24-28) If you think a number in your group are unfamiliar with this story about Jacob, have someone read it out loud for everyone.

How had Jacob offended his brother? What restitution did he try to make? What gain did Jacob's wrestling bring him?

Overcomers gain a rich heritage – (Mat. 6:20-21)

How do you lay up treasures in heaven?

Generations of Blessing – (Isa. 58:14)

What blessings do you want to pass on to your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren?

2. DO YOU KNOW THE PURPOSE OF AN INHERITANCE?

p. 3 > 10 min < Personal Evaluation

There are new thoughts here on inheritances and our responsibility.

When all are finished share the **17** answers:

Answers: 1.False 2.False 3.False 4.True 5.False 6.False 7.False 8.False 9.False 10.False 11.False 12.False 13.True 14.False 15.False 16.False 17.False

Have each write down their total score of correct answers.

Discuss briefly. Not everyone may agree with the answers. These are meant to be thought-provoking. It is fine to disagree!

Well, what did you discover about the purpose of an inheritance?

Next share the **3** evaluation Categories.

For each of the **3** categories ask attendees to identify themselves.

Who has 15-17 correct answers – raise both hands – You are prepared to leave a wealthy heritage.

Who has 8-14 correct answers – raise one hand – You should be open to counsel.

Who has 0-7 correct answers – smile in humility – You better study this lesson.

EVALUATION SCORE – the score is as follows, please copy it in your notes.

17-15 correct = Wealthy heritage

14-8 correct = Be open to counsel

7-0 correct = Study this lesson

Now we will discuss 10 basic factors of leaving a wealthy heritage.

3. TEN BASIC FACTORS OF A WEALTHY HERITAGE

pp. 4–9 > 60 min <

There are 6 minutes to cover each of these 10 factors.

One minute to read it. Even if everyone has read through the lesson at home, these concepts are deep enough that you will benefit by reading through it together. Ask for volunteers to read, or if it is a longer section ask someone to summarize the most important points.

Three minutes for a discussion.

One minute for you as their guide to form and restate what that factor means in our lives, right here, right now.

One minute to pray covering the most important issue of this concept.

Youth groups: Encourage your youth to think through these issues now. We have to hear things many times before they take root in our hearts. If they begin to think about what heritage they have received (good or bad) then they can begin to think about what they need to do so that they will have a godly heritage. Young people are caught up in the present and 20 years looks like a long time away. They also are easily caught up in the physical. Turn their hearts toward the eternal. Be encouraging! Don't lecture!! Let them talk about it. About what they have seen in other lives that they would like to follow—or not.

4. TRANSFER WISDOM WITH YOUR WILL

p. 10 > 25 min <

It is assumed that only a few people have a good **spiritual** will prepared. It is also assumed that most believers will see the wisdom in this and wish to have such a will. It might also be assumed that most people will not know how to begin – how to get started – they need ideas. It is further assumed that future pressures of daily life prevent this actually taking place.

Therefore--*overcoming slothfulness*--we will now put into practice our proverb: "*Never wait until tomorrow when you can do it today*". Let us repeat that together a few times. Let us lay the groundwork for a Godly inheritance right here, right now, today. Let us be a blessing for future generations.

THIS IS THE PRAYER TIME FOR THIS SESSION. Separate everyone. Give them a chair or bench to kneel in front of. Provide a clean sheet of paper and pen. For items 3-10 have them copy the number twice on their paper with an 'a' and a 'b' behind the number.

Example

3 a.

3 b.

4 a.

4 b

etc.

Under 'a' have them mark what they **presently** have **available** to leave a good heritage. (Sample #4a – yes, there is a helter-skelter of pictures and documents in various cupboards.)

Under 'b' write **what needs to be done** to have their desire for a Holy Heritage happen. ((Sample #4b – I will begin by finding family records on both my family side and that of my wife. I will clean an area for specific storage of documents towards making a will. I put in order my own and wife's birth records, our marriage record, and the official documents of my children's births. Or digitalize them!))

If possible they should go through this process on their knees! ! !

Under each 'a' part have them begin with specific prayer for that item and pray for insight, wisdom to find materials, to evaluate what they have already done or not done. (like for # 6 and 10).

Under each 'b' part have them begin with specific prayer for Holy Spirit influence, guidance in how to accomplish this, how to make a plan and follow up.

You, my dear Group Guide, are here to make your people FREE. Guide this session well. Walk around, ask how it is going, can you help, etc. Make it happen.

The vagueness of 'what is it', 'how do you this', 'I wish, but can't do this', 'I wish I had help', should now be over. Ask if any enlightenment has come. Ask if the impossible is becoming a possibility.

Ask them to vocalize specific difficulties. Then ask for advice from the others in your group. At this point the atmosphere has taken on a notion of positiveness, a slight hope and joy is beginning to pervade your group. Ask them as children of God to join His heavenly plan to provide a rich spiritual heritage for a future Ukrainian generation.

Youth groups: You may want to just discuss each point with them. Very likely no one will have a will, but discuss the value of doing that, etc. All of this may seem far away, but now is the time for them to think about the importance of each of these items. This of course will be a review of the points. After you discuss each item ask one person to pray according to your discussion, or at least that God would open their understanding and give them further insights.

Personal Commitment to a Wealthy Heritage

Now the time has come to sign. If there are questions about having a life notebook, they need to get a notebook if they do not have one and write on it a title (Life Notebook or My Spiritual Diary) and then record at least weekly what answers to prayer God has given, what God has taught them, how He has acted supernaturally in their lives. This is a reminder for them, as well as a help for future generations. If you have a youth group, especially encourage them to do this. Just the act of setting aside a special notebook will be a reminder to them, whether they are diligent in writing in it or not.

5. DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A FATHER'S BLESSING?

p. 11 > 15 min < Basic Quiz Number 20

This "quiz" involves a children's activity. Ask if anyone used it with a child and talked about blessings.

We do not often think of the power of our words, or the power of blessing other people verbally. Ask each person in the group to give an example of a blessing they would like to give to one of their children or grandchildren. This is not limited to fathers. Mothers should be seeking to verbally bless their children also. If you are leading a youth group, ask each one of the young people to state a verbal blessing they would like to receive from their father or mother.

This also talks about how a father could give disapproval which would be a curse. All too often we actually "curse" our children by focusing on everything bad they do, how they don't measure up to our expectations. Let's leave a heritage of giving blessings!

Answers: *These items are missing: 1. Pitcher 2. Isaac's finger 3. Jacob's foot 4. Jacob's cape 5. Camel's saddle 6. Palm tree 7. Window*

6. WHAT LESSONS DOES GOD TEACH THROUGH INHERITANCES IN THE BIBLE?

p. 12 > 15 min < Advanced Quiz Number 20

There are thousands of people in prison. There are thousands of bums. There are thousands of orphans. These terribly sad social situations are mostly due to generations of fathers and grandfathers and other relatives who totally failed to comprehend, much less practice, the value of passing on or receiving an inheritance.

Behind each of the 8 points of inheritance teachings have each person write in a name of someone they know who is suffering from that particular (or very similar) problem.

When everyone is finished ask for those who wish to pray for these people who have not grasped spiritual truths (names need not be mentioned).

Answers: 1. **E** Esau 2. **A** Prodigal son 3. **G** Rich Young Ruler 4. **C** Laban 5. **H** Boaz
6. **F** Complaining brother 7. **D** Gideon 8. **B** Jonadab

7. WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO LEARN FROM HIM?

p. 13 > 10 min < Comprehensive Quiz Number 20

Ask for comments on this home research activity.

Share the correct answers:

Answers: 1. **I** The Heathen 2. **A** The Lord 3. **E** A Prudent wife 4. **B** Glory
5. **F** Substance, treasures 6. **J** The Earth 7. **C** Everlasting Life 8. **G** The Promises
9. **H** Incorruptible, undefiled 10. **D** All things

Ask which truth different individuals found most significant to them. How did it speak to them? Answer the question "What does God want us to learn from Him?"

Now ask for volunteers to cover one verse in prayer – emphasizing gratitude. These are wonderful promises that are ours.

Be sure that everyone has a task for the celebration next time.

Next time we are going to celebrate your hard work, your faithfulness, and what God has done in all of our lives. Who wants to really laugh a lot and have a BIG party?

Agree together on whether you will do it on a Saturday or a 'long' evening. (You should be prepared for this discussion by reviewing the possible schedules.)

Have them write down the day _____ and the date _____ and the time _____ now.

Make assignments for food, decorations, sharing victories or other things during the celebration.

Close in prayer

Heavenly Father. How amazing that you created each of us in Your own image. How amazing that You, Lord Jesus, are timeless. How amazing that we have an eternally living soul in us. How amazing that this body of ours is Your Temple, Holy Spirit.

How amazing that the most important heritage we will have with us in eternity are the souls of children, grandchildren and friends. Lord of Glory – make us men and women of GLORY. Amen.

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