






“A good harvest is not the achievement of endless toil, but the result of God’s blessing.” NIV Footnote




God gives food and rest to those he loves.




Be honest with yourself.
Are you putting God first in your life?
Do you have time for your family and friends?
Or is life so hectic that you just need to slow down?



III. Children are a blessing from God. Psalm 127:3
They are the legacy we will leave behind.




A classic illustration of that is the study that was done by Richard Dugdale and published in a book in 1877 comparing the family line of Max Juke with the family line of Jonathan Edwards.



Dugdale looked at the 540 blood descendents and the 169 people who married into the family and here’s what he found.




- 280 were paupers
- 140 were criminals
- 100 were drunkards
- 6 were murderers
- 128 were prostitutes
- 300 died early in life
- 67 had syphilis
- Their estimated cost to society was \$1,308,000




In contrast, out of 1,394 known descendents of Jonathan Edwards there were:




- 13 college presidents
- 65 college professors
- 3 United States Senators
- 30 judges
- 100 lawyers
- 60 physicians
- 75 army and navy officers
- 100 preachers and missionaries
- 60 authors of prominence
- 1 Vice President of the United States
- 80 Public officials
- 295 college graduates



What kind of legacy will we leave behind?



I also liked this statement for parents “Sons (and daughters) may be a handful, before they are a quiverful.” Derek Kidner



Conclusion:

The choices we make affect the person we become.
They will also affect the legacy we leave behind.



Put God first in your home,
your work and your family and
you will be blessed.