

Special points of interest

- Legacy is all about leaving behind Positive Values
- Legacy is all about Redeeming generation from Evil One
- Legacy is all about children & Youth healthy development
- Legacy is all about developing Christian Culture in raising children
- Legacy is all about being revealed in difference, within dark world, illuminating it
- Legacy is all about Biblical world view in defining the contemporary world
- Legacy is all about serving in Love
- Legacy is all about echoing Goodness of God from generation to generation with non-stop until Jesus comes back again
- Legacy all about serving in Love



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Legacy Message

“Parents’ Exemplary life for Young Ones ”

Introduction

The main objective of this message is leading or discipling children in the way of God (Proverb 22:6). It has focus on Parents and/or grandparents involved in raising children. It is often said ‘Very young children are like blank Clean Paper’. Meaning, anything they see or hear, especially in early age of up to about 5 or 6 years, can easily stick. This has an implication for parents; to walk carefully as they endeavor to raise their children in fear of God for His Glory.

Parenting bodies need to live an exemplary life, so that non-god fearing generation may not emerge in society. Discipled children can be all rounded to be pleasing; God, Parents, Church and Society. Discipling is often expected to be sole responsibility of the local church. While not undermining the role the local church can play, Legacy underscores the basic loci and root for the task i.e. Sweet Home.

‘Home Level Discipling’ lays the whole foundation for discipling of generations. That is where the basic shaping (with Love) begins and flourishes.

In situations such as families abandoned by fathers or mothers in which homes look not having stability, Faith Communities and/or society at large need to be sensitive to facilitate homelike environment for struggling single mothers/fathers or children by giving contextual support in their capacity.

Legacy Vision

Harmoniously Inter-connected,
Inter-guided, Inter-caring
generations in which Goodness of
God is exhilarated and echoed,
positive value heritages threaded,
life and holistic human
development sustained.

Legacy Value

Heart for
Generation

To make the message, ‘exemplary life’, more plain, here below are some tips suggested for parents, to strengthen efforts of discipling children in the home.

Parents’ Spirituality: Born again parents are expected to be disciples or followers of Jesus Christ, themselves, in their life. This implies that sustainable relationship with God is foundational. This relationship is only possible when quality time is given with God through engagement in the Word of God & Prayer. Personal Quiet Time or devotional life with the Lord gives two way communication avenues between a believer and God.

God speaks through His Word through the Holy Spirit and children of God speak their hearts to God in prayer. This is a loving intimate relationship believers can enjoy.

Legacy believes that the expectation of born again parents for their children are to be strong disciples of the Lord. They expect their children to have good moral stand, following in their ‘foot steps’. It is my belief that parents expect their children to excel ministering in church and to be successful in society. But all these cannot happen with wishful thinking; it needs determined and disciplined Christian walk or life that can create motivation in children to follow.

For realization of genuine followership of their children, parents are expected to be revealed in their personal Christian devotion time with their God. They need not to hide reading time of the Bible and Prayer. Children, especially those in early childhood, have to watch what parents are practicing. Our children need to see parents on knees, humbly/genuinely praying or praising God. Through this, something tangible and utilizable in their future can be recorded in memory of the children.

As children grow up (especially 6 years or above), intentional act is needed to lead children to Jesus so that they can personally accept Him as Savior and Lord. From then on, it is generally expected that a life of discipleship, that has root in parents’ exemplary life continues to develop. This is very important since God fearing, redeemed and disciplined Children surely will have positive holistic impact on society.

When parents are not in genuine Christian living situation, they may be tempted to give oral instruction to their children to read the Bible and pray, wishing to have ‘good children’. If parents are not in genuine Christian life themselves, it is unlikely that children will consider following the instruction. Overall, our children need to know that we mean it, serious, about our ‘Christian’ faith and enjoying it.

Let us not forget that Jesus is our best example or forerunner, when he called His disciples to first live with Him while he shaped them to later commission them for ministry (Mark 3:13-15). As parents we need to live with Jesus to be disciplined and be good examples for our children

The best strategy to be revealed in Christian Life to children, as a parent, is by using every opportunity to shape them (Deut 6:4-9). The various informal positions that can be used to shape our children are: **sitting down, walking on the way, lying down and standing up**. Part of this, for example, is sitting position. Families usually sit at ‘Dinner Table’ or facing each other, to eat together. Such sitting arrangement can be used as an opportunity for parents (especially fathers) to relay positive values to young ones. Goodness of God can be shared and challenges children are facing in everyday life can be discussed at the dinning position.

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This contributes to strengthening of discipling children.

Christian Life in Action:- Young people abhor hypocrisy. They want to see preaching revealed in deed or action; as often said ‘action speaks more than words’. In short, children want to see practicality. A good example is preaching about loving neighbor as our self. Love needs to be seen in action. Children need

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to see when we practice ‘True Worship’ (James 1:27); caring for the vulnerable in society, such as orphaned children and poor single mothers in true love. This can be exemplified in ‘love gift’ and/or practical psychosocial, physical or educational support to such group. It is also paying for children to see our true, genuine participation of church: in worship, in ministry and/or in leading.

Children can observe how we are practically caring for family. They need to see how our preaching of ‘love’ can bear fruit revealed in caring for marriage life partner, including life of forgiveness. Non-discriminatory treatment and caring relationship for children is also part of the practical Christian life children benefit and learn from.

Quality time given to children to converse with and holistic support given to them in material and/or psychosocial, allowing them to rest/relax, is part of practical exemplary life parents can show to children. Through this, children can know that we love and care for them in bonding relationship.

Overall, leading children basically from home, in wisdom of the Lord, is underlined here; i.e. being an example that bears fruits is core of the matter.

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Legacy Update (April 2018 – June 2018)

Second quarter had focus preparing for Training of Youth Trainers (TOT) at Nefas Silk area, South Addis Ababa. This was envisioned to be conducted in third Quarter of 2018 in partnership with local Evangelical Fellowship. Contact was made in earlier months through vision sharing for the leaders of the Fellowship. South expected to come from 8 local churches in the area to get trained for three days. The training preparation was expected to be in conventional International training standard including the venue and trainers/facilitators.



Addis Ababa is the birth place of Legacy ministry. Total of 16 youth trainers were Second quarter has also touched Legacy Ministry vision sharing at 22 Mazoria Mulu Wongel church for the leadership. This has set a stage for future joint working relationships.

‘Hands on training’ was carried out at Merri Mekane Yesus in Eastern Addis Ababa, for Church Leaders, Parents and Young people. Several weekends were used for convenience of parent as well as youth. The content for church leaders focused on: ‘Ringing bell’ messages so that work with the succeeding generation may take momentum and non God fearing generation may not emerge.

Content for 24 Parents took **Seven Spiritual Pillars**, preceded by **Biblical Child Raising**, while that of 24 Youth (separate session) covered **Five Spiritual Pillars**, especially prepared for them, preceded by Youth Challenges & possible solutions.

Training Feedbacks-Merri MYC (AA)

‘Personally I have benefitted from the training; noted that I’m not well versed in parenting. The panicking I sensed reveals this’. [Church Leader/Parent at *Parenting Training*]

‘Let us not be careless to save the generation. Let us be bold enough to get breakthrough and act’. [Parent/Mother at *Parenting Training*]

‘The teaching is valid. From my observation, seemingly simple matters, are not simple as I expected; but challenging’. [Participant Youth at *Youth Training*]

‘Working on youth is fundamental and very important; God Bless you’. [Participant/Evangelist]

‘The training has touched ethical issues that touches and is concern of families’. [Participant Pastor at *Youth Training*]

N.B. The feedbacks are paraphrased and translated to English.



Merri Mekane Yesus Leader Trainees

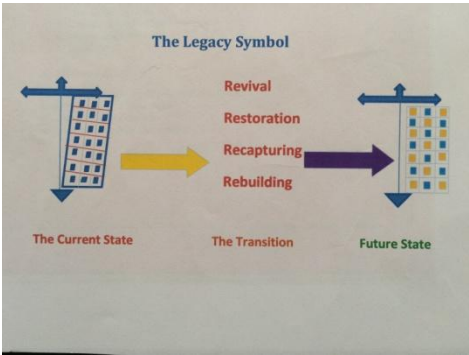


Merri Mekane Yesus Youth Trainees

Looking Ahead

It is intention of Legacy to produce its 'likes' so that capacitated significant others can conduct training at local churches and fellowships level on their own with minimum coaching. Training of Trainers (TOT) approach will continue to be used for Quiet Time Training of young people. The overall objective for TOT is participation to learn, internalization, benefiting and cascading down to other peers or fellows. Legacy is positive that this is possible so that young people can have foundation in the Word of God and have strong prayer relationship with Him. For sure, this will empower young people to be victors in their Christian walk and life.

Legacy Symbol



Crucial generational Issue for Reflection & Conversation

Currently there is observable cry that Fathers' societal values are being eroded and the upcoming generation is at risk especially in Ethiopia. Generally, it is also a universal problem of countries especially in connection with urbanization. The phenomenon of eroded respected values is also observable in the Faith community circle, too.

To its audience, Legacy suggests that Fathers' Positive Values be discussed in terms of its vitality in realization of peace & reconciliation especially in contemporary disintegrating social values. Group Reflection & Conversation can be carried out on relevance of those Fathers' Values, especially when there is observable conflict contexts and gap in resolving it among young generation. The Conversation can target issues in church context or society at large.

Dear Readers! Coffee ceremony and/or formation of Group Social Media can be used for the group interaction purpose.



Appreciation

Legacy International Spiritual Ministry, at this junction, would like to extend its appreciation and gratitude towards Christian Students Fellowships Promoters (SU & EvaSUE), local churches in various parts of the country and Addis Ababa who have opened their doors for partnership to work together.

Invitation to Membership

Time is running; we cannot delay more. Legacy invites new members to be part of this historical and timely ministry to save the Generation from Evil One. Legacy is registered as interdenominational and religious/spiritual Ministry. It is non-political entity that promotes Biblical and Christian Values.

A basic criterion for membership is alignment with Our Core Values. Anyone who shares the values can be a non-regular member.

To be a member only 25 Birr per month is required. It can be sent to Legassi Alem Akef Menfesawi Agelgilot Bank Account # **2600010008458** at Berhan Bank in Ethiopia. Special onetime donation or love gift is also encouraged.

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