

Generations of Influence: How to Start a Legacy of Four Generations

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II Timothy 2:2. “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things **you** have heard **me** say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to **reliable men** who will also be qualified to teach **others**.”

Matthew 5:6. “Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.”

Luke 6:21. “Blessed are ye that hunger now; for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now; for ye shall laugh.”

Isaiah 49:10. “They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun smite them; for he who hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.”

Psalms 34:8. "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"

- Blessed (makarios): supremely blest, well off
- Hunger (peinao): to pine for, to toil for daily subsistence, to be famished

St. Augustine. “[I]n order that we may be filled, let us hunger and thirst; hungering and thirsting, let us ask, and seek, and knock. ‘For blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness.’ Wherefore are they blessed? ...They are not blessed in that they hunger and thirst, but in that they will be filled. There will there be blessedness, in the fullness, not in the hunger. But hunger must go before the fullness, that no loathing attach to the bread.”

Matthew 22:36-40. “Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Loving God...

- **Heart**
 - Live out your vocation
 - **Vocation:** Latin word: “vocare,” English translation: “calling”
 - **Frederick Buechner:** Vocation: “the place where your deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.”



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Loving God...

- **Soul**
 - Embrace His nature and commands in your heart

Loving God...

- **Mind**
 - Seek wise counsel

Wise counsel in Proverbs

- 1:8—Listen, my son, to your father’s instruction
- 3:1—My son, do not forget my teaching
- 4:1—Listen, my sons, to a father’s instruction
- 4:10—Listen, my son, accept what I say
- 4:20—My son, pay attention to what I say
- 5:1—My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight
- 7:1—My son, keep my words and store up my commands within you.
- 7:24—Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say.
- 22:17—Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise
- 23:19—Listen, my son, and be wise
- 23:26—My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways

Loving God...

- **Neighbor**
 - Commit to action

G.K. Chesterton. “If Christianity should happen to be true—that is to say, if God is the real God of the universe—then defending it may mean talking about anything and everything. Things can be irrelevant to the proposition that Christianity is false, but nothing can be irrelevant to the proposition that Christianity is true.”



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