



Outer Growth - Heritage

Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. *Psalms 127:3*

Heredity ----- Romans 5:12
Eyes ----- Matthew 6:22-23
Reasoning --- Jer 29:11, Rom 8:5-6
Inheritance -- Psa. 16:6, Pro. 13:22
Tradition ----- 2 Thes. 2:15, Col. 2:8
Ancestors --- Deuteronomy 18:9-13
Genes ----- Isa. 43:7, 1 Cor. 15:38
Ears ----- Mark 4:23-24

What is heritage? Heritage is commonly known as a person's particular heredity sense of family identity: the principles, practices, possessions, and experiences, handed down by past generations. To define this further: heritage consists of traits, family exposures, thinking, family gifts, traditions, spiritual gifts, physical gifts, and things heard. The combination of these categories forms the generation to come. However, we, as the present generation, have the opportunity to set things right that will affect the future generation.

Heritage begins with the transmission of traits. God expects His creation to be prime examples to the people around us: this includes family, relatives, neighbors, colleagues, and strangers. We either impose our influence on them or they sway us.

The eyes will have an impact on our heritage. Whatever we see and accept into our lives will affect the next generation. This includes living a life of doing good or evil to others. How much percent will that be? Only God knows. Heritage involves the way we think. The mind is powerful because it takes in information that comes in through our senses. The eyes and ears are the two that impact our thoughts the most due to the fact the mind collects the data so quickly as opposed to the other senses. *To obtain family gain or in general, is a blessing. However, how we acquire that gift may or may not be great. If a person gains assets or finances by illegal means and the people that are victims of loss suffer severely from it, chances are it could hurt your life and future generation instead of helping it.*

Heritage involves our custom. What we believe or know is what we do and pass on. The next generation expects what we expose them to will be an asset to their life. The concern for us is how our ancestors live. Whatever they were doing then, will influence us right now. If we notice some tendencies within ourselves such as behavior and bad habits that we did not expect to occur, we need to address them. These questionable ways we discover will be an undo-it-yourself project to aid ourselves and future generations. On the other hand, there will be qualities we may find within us that are extraordinary which will be a plus for us. A DNA that will dramatically surface and help our family and others in the present. *Heritage can impact us in what we hear. If we were verbally harassed or made fun of and did not handle it well enough, a percentage of that characteristic may involve the next generation.*

Heritage is the historical path that was made for us today, and we control the path for tomorrow.