



Monday Matters

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Going on and On

PBS is running a series of programs about a noted man who revolutionized the retail industry. He had an uncommon sense about buying and selling. His intuition regarding how this industry worked and what would appeal to buyers was unequalled. Building on this unique ability he formulated a concept of retail selling that was innovative and highly successful.

PBS included some personal notes about this man's life...the successes and failures. Although he was a genius at selling goods to the public, he had personal characteristics that caused him to eventually lose his famous retail store and end up a pauper. It is very perplexing how someone this smart could lose the thing that drove him to success. He was unable to leave the retail empire he had built for his family. He seemingly was unable to pass his genius, drive and powerful living on to his family. He lost the thing he so famously built.

Legacy is something such as property or money that is received from someone who has died. Legacy is also something that happened in the past or that comes from someone in the past.

"Our days are numbered. One of the primary goals in our lives should be to prepare for our last day. The legacy we leave is not just our possessions, but in the quality of our lives. What preparations should we be making now? The greatest waste in all of the earth,



Leave a Legacy
Aaron and Jeffrey

which cannot be recycled or reclaimed, is our waste of the time God has given us each day." Billy Graham

Rev. Graham is saying that we should get a plan. We should make sure we know that we will pass on something of value, even eternal value.

We make mistakes in life and wish we could go back and undo some things. This retail empire builder came each day in his tattered clothes to stand and look at the famous store he built...but no longer owned. A mistake, even this great, should not deter anyone from determining to build a legacy that is valuable and improves the lives of others, especially their eternal outlook. Maybe it will be your money, or maybe it will be your gifting, big or small, that you have been endowed with. Make the most of your life, and let God be your guide and inspiration.

"...where your treasure is, there is your heart also." Matthew 6:20-21

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