

# The Sins of the Father

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The Legacy that you will leave.

**Exodus 34:7** “God who is loyal in love for a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity, rebellion and sin. Still, He does not ignore sin. He holds sons and grandsons responsible for a fathers sins to the third and even the fourth generations”

## SUMMARY:

Sin is every man’s challenge. It is a battle of our minds

These sins start within us. Not outside of us.

We are under spiritual attack. Realize that Satan **HATES YOU** and it pleases him when you fail.

Our current life situation has been passed down to us although we do have a choice to turn away from our sin and leave a legacy that will be Godly.

God always provides a way out. **1 Corinthians 10-13**

**“Remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can’t stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.”**

Be committed to raising the bar to a higher moral standard.

A life of integrity is a life that can be trusted. Leaving a godly legacy to future generations is priceless.

**Proverbs 20:7** “The righteous man leads a blameless life.”

## NOTES:

## DISCUSSION POINTS:

**Introductory Question:** What kind of “Legacy” did your father leave you?

**Discussion:**

- What do you think holds men back from confronting sin in their lives?
- What affect have you seen sinful behavior have on a spouse and family?
- Are you seeking to improve your fathering skills?
- Do you interact with other fathering role models whom you respect?
- **What would you like YOUR legacy to look like....three or four generations from now?**

## APPLICATION:

*Consider ways to defeat sin & temptation.*

**Refocus your attention on something else.**

Keep me from paying attention to what is worthless. **Psalm 119:37**

**Reveal your struggle to a godly friend or support group.**

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. **James 5:16**

**Resist the Devil.**

Resist the Devil and He will flee from you **James 4:7**

**Realize your vulnerability.**

Don’t be so naïve and self-confident. You are not exempt.

You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else.

Forget about self-confidence; It’s useless. Cultivate God-confidence. **1 Corinthians 10:12**

## ON YOUR OWN...

1 Corinthians 10:13

2 Samuel 13-15

Psalm 101:2-6

Proverbs 20:7

Proverbs 4:23

Romans 12:21

Acts 11:23-24

Ephesians 2-10

2 Timothy 2:8