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The Father's Inheritance—P6

“And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified” (Acts 20:32).

In the western world, careers have largely replaced the traditional place of the father's inheritance in his children's life. It used to be that your inheritance was your literal living—the land you lived upon, your home, your “business.” It was the means by which you could provide a roof over your head, food on your table, clothes in your closet, and even prosperity and comfort: *“House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers”* (Pro. 19:14).

An inheritance was the product of your father's labors and his father's labor's before him—and a product of your own labors as a child doing the works of your father, which was to provide for your present good and future inheritance: *“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children”* (Pro. 13:22a). An inheritance was invaluable, representing generations of work for your future wellbeing and comfort as well as great responsibility, authority, and respect.

Today, most of us hardly think about inheritances because our focus is to become self-sufficient with a career and a living that is completely independent of our father's living. We pursue our own interests, and we profit from them. But in the case of God, there is no profit in any interest but His. If you are to be His child, you must be about His business, because only His business is good, and right, and true—and only His interests are good for you and provide you with an eternal future.

“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world’” (Matt.

25:34). This is no small passing thing, but the very “living” of our future, which God has planned from the beginning for His children's eternal future. *“The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ”* (Rom. 8:16-17a).

The Believer's glorious future is entirely predicated on our Heavenly Father's inheritance to us—first an inheritance of eternal life, which is a free gift to ALL who believe and cannot be earned by good works: *“being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life”* (Titus 3:7). And second, an inheritance of rewards for good works we have done in our Father's business: *“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them”* (Eph. 2:10). So, *“do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance”* (Col. 3:23-24a).

God *“has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”* (1 Peter 1:3-5). At that time, *“we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad”* (2 Cor. 5:10). This is not a judgment for sin or salvation—we have already received the inheritance of eternal life—this is a distribution of the inheritance of rewards for doing what pleases our Father.

So, in light of this day, be intent on your Father's interests, found in His Word to you by the Holy Spirit, which are for His glory, your good, and your eternal future. Even so, Amen.