

Legacy: “If you’re going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can’t be erased.” -Maya Angelou

Traditionally, a legacy refers to what is left behind by a person in their will. So if my rich uncle died and left me a million dollars, that was his “legacy.” More consequentially, the term legacy refers to the impact and influence a person leaves on those around them. It is an impact that is felt long after they are gone. Our legacy essentially answers the question, “how will I be remembered?”

Application: Each day we are hard at work building our legacy. We are building it at home, work, and in our community. We are building it with our family, friends, and co-workers. Maya Angelou has a simple challenge, ensure that your legacy cannot be erased. I am convinced that the most impactful legacy you can leave is to ensure you are building and maintaining positive relationships. Many things that we do will be forgotten. This can be both encouraging as well as somewhat depressing. But what will not be forgotten is how you treat people. Personally, I want my legacy to be that of a “relationship builder.” I want people to remember me as someone who builds people up; first with my wife and children and with those I come into contact on a daily basis. Make a point to ask yourself the question “how do I want to be remembered?” Be encouraged and motivated to strive each day to build a positive legacy in the lives of others that “can’t be erased.”