

## *Women Of Destiny*

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Legacy: the enduring effects of specific events or actions that took place in the past, or of a person's life

Legacy isn't just about what you leave behind after you're gone, it's about the impact you make while you're still here. It's the sum of your actions, big and small, and how they impact the lives of others.

Ministry: everything we do out of love for God to:

1) win the lost

*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and [s]he who wins souls is wise. Prov. 11:30*

And He said to them, *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”*  
Mark 16:15

2) edify believers

Edify: to build up; the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, piety, happiness, holiness

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. 3:16*

3) meet people's needs.

A central theme in Scripture is to care for others and prioritize their needs.

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*  
Philippians 2:4

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Gal. 6:2*

Believers/D.I.V.A.S. are to consider the impact of our actions on those around us, particularly fellow Christians.

*(Let no one seek [her] own good, but the good of [her] neighbor. 1 Cor. 10:24)*

Dorcas is one of my favorite DIVAS in Scripture. Dorcas' legacy – Acts 9:39-42

*At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. **This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds** which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.*

*Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." Rev. 14:13*

Questions – a song by Larnelle Harris

So many questions  
I must ask myself today  
I wonder if Jesus thinks  
I've done my share  
Will I wake in the morning to find  
Regrets upon my mind  
Will I leave a trace of Jesus somewhere

So many questions  
I must ask myself today  
Or what will I leave behind  
When life has passed my way  
Will people remember my name  
Or forget me all the same  
Will I leave a trace of my Jesus somewhere

Have I been a light in dark places

Brought a smile to sad faces  
Have I shown the world that I really care  
Have I lived my life the way  
He wants me to each and every day  
When someone stumbled, was I there ...

The hallmark of believers who live a legacy and then leave a legacy:

1. Love for God
2. Labor or good works
3. Lifting or supporting others
4. Leaving behind God's footprints and fingerprints