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## ARTICLES PASSING ON

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### *"Passing On"*

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We all have an impact on our family and friends while we are here, but what do we truly leave behind?

Of course, we hope to leave something of financial value—an estate, support for our family, perhaps contributions to causes we care about. But beyond that, what record remains of our experiences, our beliefs, and our values? Often, it is little more than an obituary and a few words spoken at a funeral.

I began thinking about this after my dad passed. He was not only my father, but also my friend and business partner. We spent years together, and along the way he shared stories, philosophies, and values that shaped how I think and lead.

I also reflected on my own experience growing up. Both of my grandfathers had passed before I was born. One grandmother lived far away in Buffalo, and although the other was in Houston, we never developed a close relationship. I missed the opportunity to truly know their stories, their perspectives, and what shaped their lives.

When my grandson was born, I made a decision. I wanted to preserve what I could remember about my dad—and to share parts of my own life that might one day be meaningful to him.

Over the years, I began writing. Not formally, but intentionally. I captured stories, lessons, beliefs, and observations—especially the values that defined our family. I

also wrote about my grandson as he grew, noting the gifts and qualities I could already see emerging.

Looking back, I realize how valuable something like this would have been to me—to have a written record from those who came before me.

So, I offer this simple encouragement: take the time to document your story. Your experiences, your lessons, your beliefs. Not perfectly—but honestly.

Because what you pass on may be far more valuable than anything financial.

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