

BLUEPRINT OF A LEGACY

**“I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.”
– Job 42:2**



Webster's dictionary defines, *legacy* as a gift of property by will; a bequest. Over generations passed, our ancestors have more than upheld this definition to a higher level by answering the call in serving our Hawaiian people through their legacies. Such words as noble, resilient, strong, courageous and wise come to mind. As a Hawaiian, I am reminded that “heritage” is what you “receive”, but, “legacy” is what you “leave”. **WHAT WILL THAT LOOK LIKE?** Allow me to share some noble legacies with you. Arriving in New England and under the tutelage of the Dwight family, ‘Opūkaha’ia grew from illiteracy to eloquence and instructions in speech and writing. He learned of a need for a Savior and became the first Hawaiian convert to Christianity. Through his memoirs, face and faith, ‘Opūkaha’ia helped launch a ship that would impact and change a nation; bringing Christianity to Hawai’i and it’s people. Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana’ole spearheaded the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act that provides lands for Native Hawaiians to homestead. King William Charles Lunalilo began a home for poor, aged Hawaiians called, Lunalilo Home. Witnessing the epidemic trauma in Hawai’i, Kamehameha IV (Alexander Liholiho Keawenui ‘Iolani) and his wife, Queen Emma Na’ea started the “Queen’s Hospital for the Hawaiian people. Queen Lydia Kamaka’eha Kaola Mali’i Liliuokalani established a trust for orphan and indigent children of Hawaiian ancestry called, the Queen Liliuokalani Children’s Center. Finally, Princess Bernice Pauahi Paki Bishop founded the Kamehameha Schools for children of Hawaiian descent. These are just a few of the “impacting legacies”; **LEGACIES THAT CONTINUE TO BLESS OUR ISLAND AND ITS PEOPLE TODAY!**



DO YOU EVER WONDER WHAT KIND OF LEGACY YOU'LL LEAVE BEHIND?
I want to let somebody know today, that God's plan for your life is to make an impact and a difference for His glory. The key to your fulfillment is to fulfill what He has already destined for you. You see, God has already set up the course; all you have to do is start walking! Here's something else to consider: Have you noticed how fast time has gone by? You don't have time to waste! You don't have "forever" to get the will of God done! You don't have "forever" to get things "right"! You don't have "forever" to get your life focused! Some of us have our "assignment"; we have our instructions; we know what God wants us to do; but, we're just slow in moving. There's a word for people like that. They're called, "procrastinators". Let me tell you something, God's already given you enough time to get His will done!



In my lifetime, I've met a lot of "professional preparers"! (You probably have, too!) They're always "looking into something". When someone asks what they're doing, they always respond by saying, "Well, I'm looking into it"; "I'm looking on the internet"; "I'm looking into some possibilities". If this is you, then, you're a "PROFESSIONAL LOOKER-IN"! If you're going to leave a legacy, you've got to stop "looking in". It's time to "jump" in and do what God is calling you to do. When I was growing up, I enjoyed going to the park with my cousins. We played games like dodge ball, "chase master" (remember that one?), "hide-n-seek" (the memories keep coming), but, we also had fun playing "jump rope" and "double-dutch" (Anybody with me, so far?) With X-BOX; play stations and computer games, I'm sure somebody may not know what I'm talking about, but, it was a great time to grow up! You see, we didn't have much money to buy, so, you just got some rope and went outside and played. Here's my point: In "double-dutch", you had to time yourself and your jump between two ropes. Everybody would say, "Go, now!", "Will you get in the rope, already?", "Hurry up and jump!", but, in my mind, I kept saying, "Is this the time?", "Maybe, now!"; ...then, I'd JUMP

IN! We had fun in those days, but, there was always somebody who did more “preparing” than “jumping”!



I've come to tell somebody that its time to..... **JUMP IN!** You've been caught up in the “paralysis of analysis” too long. Just busy analyzing something, until, you're just paralyzed. It's time to do something about what God has planned and get it done! **YOU'VE BEEN PRAYING; YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT; YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING INTO IT, BUT, IT'S TIME!** It's time for a new season; time to start that business; time to start that ministry; time for the next level of blessing. Whatever you've been talking about doing, it's time to stop talking and do it! Because like I say, the sooner you can move from your “NO”, the quicker you will get to God's “YES” and His blessing that awaits you.



I've come to tell somebody that you don't have forever! Whatever you want to do for God – **GET IT DONE! GLORIFY HEAVEN! ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM! LAUNCH HIS MINISTRY! START THAT LEGACY THAT WILL GLORIFY HIM AND BUILD UP OTHERS IN MEETING THEIR NEEDS.** Because when it's all said and done, the only thing that will matter is whether you “did the work of Him that sent you” (John 4:34).



God has given every believer, created in Christ Jesus, a “divine design”. You were created a certain way in order to fulfill a certain purpose in the plan and program of God. The reason that you weren’t “raptured” to heaven the moment you got saved is because God was not finished with you, yet. God has a purpose in history with Him in mind and you have a destiny to fulfill in impacting others for His Kingdom. So, ask yourself, “How do I pursue the legacy that I want to leave today?” Well, it means making a choice to live victoriously in all that comes your way and in every situation, make your attitudes, your words, and your actions to be loyal and true to Jesus. **YOUR PURPOSE WILL ALWAYS BE SOMETHING THAT BENEFITS SOMEBODY ELSE OR A BUNCH OF SOMEBODY ELSE’S. BUILDING A LEGACY WORTH LEAVING BEHIND BEGINS TODAY BECAUSE YOU ARE CALLED TO PURPOSE IN MAKING AN IMPACT FOR GOD.**

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW HIS “BLUEPRINT”.