

## PASSING ON A LEGACY

### GENESIS 47-49

Jacob is an encouragement to me as I come toward the close of my life. He is one of the few in the Old Testament that finished life well. The grace of God is so evident in his life as he comes to the end. Moses gives us three chapters to report how he ended his days.

We are allowed to watch a godly man pass on his legacy to his children and grandchildren.

#### I. THE GODLY HAVE A BLESSING TO GIVE.

This was the primary thing that Jacob did in his last days. He was busy blessing people.

1. The blessing was a prayer for divine favor.

Genesis 47:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from his presence.

Genesis 48:15-16

2. The blessing is a transfer of responsibility.

Jacob passed the promise from himself to his twelve sons and their children.

3. The blessing is an expression of faith in God.

#### II. THE GODLY HAVE WISDOM TO SHARE.

1. Wisdom gained through life experiences.

2. Wisdom gained through divine illumination.