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Legacy Matters

Whew. What a year. The world was overwhelmed by fear and anxiety as we navigated COVID, social unrest, and a presidential election. Families lost loved ones, business owners were forced to shut down, and millions lost their jobs. We watched (and worked) as markets collapsed and then inexplicably climbed just as fast as they fell. It was a challenging year to say the least and it's safe to say we will never experience another year quite like 2020.

As we reflect on 2020, and looking ahead at 2021, we have come to realize the importance of the lives we lead and the legacies we leave. As the world was in disarray and chaos ran rampant, it became more and more clear that the important things in life are not things. Sure, we work with money and investments, and we care deeply about those accounts. Why? Because of the people they belong to.

The most important things in life are the people that we share our lives with. Family, friends, clients, neighbors; it's the people in our lives that really matter. How we treat those around us, how we serve our communities, how we love our families; those are the things that matter. Time spent with loved ones has a greater return on investment than any stock out there. The lives you change determines your legacy.

As Maya Angelou said, "If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased." Your legacy outlives you. Of course, this can mean leaving an inheritance to your child or a gift to your church, this can also mean leaving your mark on someone's story, altering the trajectory of their life, helping in a time of need.

A year like 2020 changes your perspective, and for that, we are forever thankful for the experience of living through it. Pastor Shawn Johnson said, "Good intentions don't leave good legacies" and we emerge from 2020 with a renewed excitement and commitment to those closest to us. In 2021, we are eager to serve our clients, pour into our families, and leave a lasting legacy through the lives that we touch each and every day.

How do you want to be remembered? We encourage you to reflect on the year that's passed and contemplate your own personal legacy. There's no better day than today to begin embodying and living out the legacy you wish to leave.