



KRISH'S CORNER

LEAVING A LEGACY

The tides of uncertainty counteract with the hopes of humanity on the shores of opportunity. We all aspire for things that are shrouded in clandestine dreams and stake every effort to making achievement a constant in the journey we take. Our lives are deeply rooted in mortal math where checks and balances seem to overrun us with as much predictability as a sunrise or a sunset. Each day creeps forward into another and the miles we tread from infancy to adulthood take their own toll on the odometer of existence. With this burden comes the added discomfort of planning for the time after us. What will be our legacy and who will count the fortune that one was not able to take with him?

Recently at a banquet honoring the legacy of S. Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-fil-A, I was introduced over an evening to a life worthy of recognition and progeny proud of his accomplishment. From the bride who beamed at the accolades piled on her man to the sons who glowed in the rich inheritance they have received in bearing his name, the moments said it all. I wondered what it would take to begin to live so that what was said at the end was more about the new beginnings in the legacy of all that were influenced. Three things were said about the honoree of the evening, the recipient of the Tom Landry, Character of Excellence Award:

He **mentored** children in a Sunday school class that he has diligently taught for over fifty years. His **message** to the business world to learn traits of real and lasting leadership has been character based and foundationally solid. He **modeled** humility in his generosity by giving back to the community in ways that will change the future. His son Dan Cathy said it best when he surmised his father's legacy as one that has created messengers for a time in the future when we will not be.

How true it is. Think of tomorrow when our mundane wishes and superficial desires do not have a platform and ask yourself about what has been created that will transcend time and reflect your legacy. Educate those who come after you and motivate those who walk alongside of you, for one day someone somewhere will step into the spotlight and thank you for your legacy

"To understand moderation, you have to understand extremism. Extremists care only about one thing. Making money is one example. Giving everything away is another. Neither pursuit yields any meaningful results. Extremists who only want to make money benefit only themselves. Extremists who choose only to give it all away can't generate anything new to give in the future. Moderation means you balance it all in order to benefit all."

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