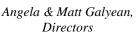
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What will follow you into Heaven? Encouraging thoughts for you by Leon Bates

Did you know you <u>may</u> have a "LEGACY OF JOY" coming... you haven't fully realized or even thought very much about? Here is what the Holy Spirit told John to write in Rev. 14:13...

- "...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."
- Pastors, be blessed realizing your compassion for people and years of preparation, dedication and ministering to people's needs are part of your "works that will follow you" for your JOY in Heaven.
- Bible teachers in Sunday Schools, church and home Bible classes, your study and teaching of God's Word to help other believers are "works that will accompany you" to Heaven for your JOY.
- Evangelists please be assured that your labors of love to win souls for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ will bear fruit *for many generations* which "will follow you" for your JOY in Heaven.
- Believers, you that have faithfully given out Gospel Tracts and other witnessing materials over the years have been planting the incorruptible SEED of God's Word (1st Peter 1:23). The Holy Spirit has used and for years will continue to use that SEED to germinate Spiritual Birth in the lives of people. God's results are guaranteed (Isa. 55:11) and they will "follow you into Eternity." What God did with the SEED you planted may give you more JOY than you could even imagine while on Earth.
- Workers in Christian ministries and Christian businesses who honored the Lord and helped get God's Word out into His harvest field, you will be <u>very glad</u> **beyond your time on earth.** The results of your life for Christ's glory will "go along with you" as just part of your rewards to enjoy in heaven.
- Christians who financially supported missionaries and other Christian ministries, you should be blessed and encouraged that your "investments for God's glory" are part of your works that will "accompany you into Heaven." Don't be surprised if the Lord Jesus <u>personally shows you</u> what HE DID with your "investments" to help people learn about Him, trust Him, love Him and serve Him.
- Missionaries, you were specially chosen by God to minister to people at home and/or in foreign countries and languages. Maybe it wasn't always easy and you may have had some persecution. But again, God promised to use the SEED of God's Word you planted. So be encouraged and rejoice in what HE has done <u>and will continue to do</u> with that SEED in people's hearts and lives <u>even beyond those you reached</u>. He promised your works <u>WILL</u> "follow you" when you leave your life on Earth.

Millions of millions of Earth years doesn't even come close to ETERNITY in Heaven. Eternity is without end. So the JOY of your labors for Christ that "follow you into Heaven" MAY NEVER END.

I'm sure you will agree that your JOY of being with Christ will never end. So don't be surprised if your works for Christ which will follow you into Heaven will bring you JOY THAT WILL NEVER END.

So, please keep on helping others trust the Lord Jesus Christ... FOR HIS GLORY and YOUR JOY.