



In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer named Cornelius, who was a captain of the Italian Regiment. He was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household...” (Acts 10:1-2)



What is the best—or funniest—piece of advice your dad or another older person ever gave you?

1. **Read Psalm 127:1–5.** The Psalm describes children as a gift from God while also saying, “Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.” What do these verses teach us about our responsibility—and God’s role—in building a family and influencing the next generation?
2. **Read Acts 10:1–2.** Before we hear anything about what Cornelius taught his family, we learn about the kind of man he was. Why do you think our **character** has such a powerful influence on those closest to us?
3. **Read Acts 10:3–8.** When God spoke, Cornelius acted immediately. He also trusted others enough to involve them in what was happening. What do his choices reveal about his character? Why can asking for help, seeking counsel, or admitting we don’t have all the answers actually be a sign of strength?

4. **Read Deuteronomy 6:4–9.** God tells His people to pass faith to the next generation through the ordinary rhythms of everyday life. What are some natural ways parents, grandparents, mentors and friends can make conversations about God part of everyday life rather than something that only happens at church?
5. **Read Acts 10:22–24, 33.** When Peter arrived, Cornelius had gathered his relatives and close friends to hear about Jesus. What does this tell us about the kind of spiritual influence Cornelius wanted to have? Who has God placed within your circle of influence?
6. **Read Matthew 7:24–27.** Jesus describes a life built on His teaching as a house built on rock. What is the difference between wanting Jesus to be *part* of our family or life and actually **building our life on Him**?
7. **The four building blocks were CHARACTER → CHOICES → COMMITMENT → CHRIST.** Which one deserves the most attention in your life right now? What is one thing you could intentionally do this week to build into someone in the next generation?

Closing Thought

We often think about legacy as something we leave behind someday. But **legacy is being built right now**—through our character, the choices we make, what we commit ourselves to, and ultimately what we build our lives upon.

Cornelius wasn't a pastor or apostle. He was an ordinary man seeking God who gathered the people he loved and gave them an opportunity to encounter Jesus. His faith ended up influencing far more people than he could possibly have imagined.

Whether you are a dad, mum, grandparent, mentor, leader, aunt, uncle or friend, somebody is watching the way you live.

