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What is Your "Little L" Legacy and Why is it Important?

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There are two types of legacies. Legacy with a capital L is your over-arching, lifetime Legacy. It's your overall impact--the thing that will be written on your headstone when you pass. While this type of legacy is

important, it's not necessarily *the thing* you should concentrate on. Instead, focus on your legacy, with a little I, and you won't have to sweat the big L Legacy.



This is what matters day-to-day. It's what you leave behind after every interaction, every smile, every time you hold the door open for someone or ask



about someone's day. **Your "little I legacy"** *matters*. You can choose to treat others with respect and dignity. You can choose to avoid gossip, show interest in your co-workers, and provide a listening ear...or you can choose to be pessimistic, disrespectful, and belittling of others.

Your daily choices make a huge impact on your life. How will you present yourself today? When someone interacts with you, how do you want them to feel afterward? Keep your little I legacy in mind and your big L Legacy will fall into place.



Thinking about your legacy

How do you start working toward your little I legacy? Here's an activity to get you started:

- Set aside 10-15 minutes; find a quiet space and get your pen and notebook ready.
- **Reflect** on your little I legacy. How do you want others to see you? How do you want to see yourself? What good qualities do you want to bring forward every day? Jot down a few goals.
- Think about the present. What are you currently doing to work on your legacy? What do you need to do? Jot down a few notes.
- Look at what you've written. **How can you reach your legacy goals?** What steps should you take?
- Get started today! Hang a legacy reminder over your desk, like this quote by Pericles:

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."

Coming Up... Our next Insights Deeper Discovery workshop is April 8th!

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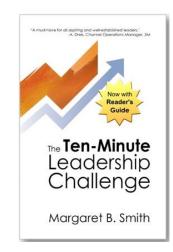
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