**Sample Legacy Manifesto**

**“To live deliberately. To leave meaning behind.”**

**Guiding Philosophy**

I believe legacy is not what we leave **for** people, but what we leave **in** them.  
A life well-lived is one where impact echoes beyond the visible, where values outlast achievements, and where the pursuit of mastery is fueled by meaning—not metrics.

I reject the myth that legacy is reserved for the wealthy or the old. Legacy is not a finish line—it’s a daily decision.

**Legacy Goals**

* **Cultivate People, Not Just Investments/Business**  
  Build ventures that empower others to grow, lead, and eventually surpass me.
* **Preserve Stories, Not Just Structures**  
  Archive the moments, lessons, and memories that shaped my life and shaped others through me.
* **Invest in Regenerative Impact**  
  Channel time, capital, and energy into systems that regenerate: ecosystems, education, and equity.
* **Live into Core Values, Not Just Voice Them**  
  Align my actions with my principles, especially when it’s inconvenient or unpopular.
* **Design for the Next 100 Years (perhaps even 250-350 Years)**  
  Make decisions as if my great-grandchildren are watching—and will inherit not only my assets, but my actions.

**Guiding Principles**

1. **Create with Intent**  
   Don’t just build fast—build what lasts. Beauty, clarity, and usefulness are forms of love.
2. **Practice Generous Leadership**  
   Success is multiplied when it’s shared. I grow by lifting others.
3. **Seek Depth Over Noise**  
   In a world addicted to attention, I commit to substance, craft, and thoughtful communication.
4. **Leave Systems, Not Just Symbols**  
   Design frameworks others can build on. A legacy is stronger when it doesn’t depend on my presence.
5. **Prioritize Presence**  
   Be remembered not only for what I did, but how I made people feel when I was with them.
6. **Stay Teachable**  
   Let curiosity outlive certainty. A legacy of wisdom begins with humility.

**My Legacy in Action**

* I document my lessons and failures openly so others may learn from my path.
* I mentor emerging leaders and creators with an eye toward multiplying impact.
* I protect time for stillness, so I can create from depth, not desperation.
* I’ve written letters to future generations—to pass down more than money.
* I fund or initiate projects that may not bear fruit in my lifetime, but plant seeds for others.

**Legacy Affirmation**

*"Let my life be a torch—not a trophy.  
May it light the way, not gather dust."*