

LeaderImpact Podcast – Episode #13 – Make Time for what is Truly Important – Akua Carmichael

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Episode Summary:

Have you ever wondered what future generations will say about your life's impact? For what would you like to be remembered? As a former wealth planning lawyer, Akua Carmichael was a trusted advisor to high net worth individuals, but believes that estate planning is important for everyone.

Akua is a sought after speaker for workshops and presentations that provide individuals with the skills and impetus to navigate this somewhat daunting topic, and is the author of an estate planning manual and workbook entitled "My Lifefprint".

Akua is an author and lawyer who juggles a busy life as a wife and mother. She draws on her personal and professional experience to highlight that death is not to be ignored, but rather to be anticipated. Estate planning is a gift you give to others and eternal planning is the gift you give yourself.

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Show Notes:

2:45 – Akua shares how she believes she went to law school not to become a lawyer

6:40 – How she met a friend in law school

“Our lives are not just about what we give to people...about our legacy and our impact.” ~Akua Carmichael

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9:10 – How Akua did not have plans for New Year's Eve 1996 and how that changed her life

13:20 – How people can know God is real

14:30 – Her life after law school and moving to California

15:30 – She failed the bar exam, three times!

“God does not waste any experience. What looks like failure to you is just part of your story that is going to mean success for someone else.” ~Akua Carmichael

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18:25 – Knowing what God wants for her life

20:25 – Her next steps after failing the bar exam

- 21:00 – Moving to California was her plan and finding out what God’s plan was for her

27:45 – She writes and passes the bar exam

- 28:15 – She now tutors students who have failed the bar exam

“There are people and organizations that are better because of you!” ~Akua Carmichael

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29:40 – Shares about importance of estate planning

31:35 – Explains power of attorney and wills

33:25 – Potential who to select executors and powers of attorney for those who are single

35:05 – How *My Lifeprint* can potentially cut down on costs on estate planning through being prepared and organized

37:50 – What is it about your life that is impacting others?

40:30 – The impact a will can have

42:12 – Akua shares the legacy she wants to leave

“It is never too late to change the course your legacy.” ~Akua Carmichael

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45:05 – Leadership books Akua mentioned

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- *Thinking for a Change* – by John Maxwell
- Lisa mentioned *As a Man Thinketh* by James Allen

46:55 – What brings Akua the greatest joy

“Don’t underestimate the power of your impact on this earth.” ~Akua Carmichael

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