

Jonathan Edwards legacy

18th Century theologian,, pastor, missionary, university president

Age 10: entered Yale

Age 16: graduated at the head of his class

Age 23: assumed pastorate of the church at Northampton, MA, and married Sarah Pierrepont

Edwards, Jonathan

1703-58, American theologian and metaphysician; b. Windsor, Conn. In 1729 he took sole charge of a congregation in Northampton, Mass., where he soon gained a wide following by his forceful preaching and powerful logic in support of Calvinist doctrine. A revival that he held (1734-35) effectively brought the [GREAT AWAKENING](#) to New England. His stern demands for strict orthodoxy and his inflexibility in a membership controversy resulted in his dismissal (1750) from Northampton. At Stockbridge, Mass., he completed his masterpiece, *The Freedom of the Will* (1754), which set forth metaphysical and ethical arguments for determinism. He is often regarded as the last great New England Calvinist, and his sermon *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* is still read today. Called (1757) to be president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton Univ.), he died soon after. (Encyclopedia.com)

Together they had 12 children.

By 1900 this godly union had produced:

13 College presidents

65 professors

100 lawyers and a Dean of a law school

30 judges

60 doctors and a Dean of a medical school

80 holders of public office including 3 US Senators

3 Mayors of large cities

3 State Governors

1 Vice president of the US

1 Controller of the US Treasury

They entered the ministry in platoons, sent 100 missionaries overseas as well as staffing many mission boards. Members of the family wrote 135 books and edited 18 journals and periodicals.

This happened because one husband and wife had a vision for raising a godly seed and building a godly dynasty.

Now, another century has gone by, and who knows how much more this nation and the nations of the world have been impacted by the descendants of Jonathan and Sarah Edwards.