

5 Best Ways to Bless Your Family

1. Get a Will. Many people believe that only the wealthy need a Will. But when they start adding up the value of their home, life insurance, retirement accounts, and other property – they begin to see that even with a modest middle class estate, they need a plan for who will get their stuff after they die. And, as stewards of God’s resources, they want to create a plan that provides for their families and furthers the Lord’s work.

2. Reduce (or even eliminate) unnecessary taxes and court costs. A Will can help you reduce probate costs, avoid certain taxes, and decrease other administrative expenses. Without a Will, your estate is unprotected from these costs and the value of your estate is negatively impacted. Additionally, by reducing these costs with a Will, you are able to leave more resources to your heirs and favorite Christian causes.

3. Decide who will manage your stuff after you die. Without a Will, it is up to the court to appoint an administrator to serve as your Personal Representative (or Executor). That person will distribute your estate as the court instructs them to. On the other hand, when you name your own Personal Representative in your Will, you decide who will distribute your estate and you can be more certain that your wishes will be fulfilled.

4. Decide who will take care of your kids. If you have minor children, a Will allows you to name the guardian of your children should both parents die unexpectedly. Additionally, you can name a Trustee of the assets to provide for the children. As parents, both of these choices should be yours because there are spiritual as well as financial implications to your decisions. When the court is left to make these decisions for you, the spiritual component may be disregarded.

5. Support the Lord's work after your lifetime. Without a Will, there will not be any distribution of your estate to your church or favorite Christian charities. As a manager of God's resources, it makes sense to provide for the Lord's work, including care for lost and needy people, through your Will. Everything we own comes from God. In your lifetimes and through a Will, you can honor God by channeling some of your resources to ministries which advance His eternal purposes. A Will isn't just a distribution of assets; it is also a final testimony to your family of your love for the Lord.

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I'd like to learn more about the advantages of giving appreciated assets in my situation.

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