

A Spiritual Estate Plan

What will you pass along to your heirs? Most people are careful to include any stocks, cash, life insurance and real property like their home or vacation cottage. They list all the gifts that God has given them and who they would like to benefit, right down to the godchildren.

But is that enough? Will your final plan also express your faith and how it has impacted your entire life? A valuable component of your Spiritual Estate Plan is making sure your family knows how thankful you are for all the ways God has made a difference in your life.

How do you handle the challenges that are part of your life? Romans 8:28 tells us, *“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”* Is that how you live? When sickness or trouble comes your way, are you thankful to God through everything? Do your family and community see you turning these trials over to God? Your attitude, gratitude and reaction to trouble are a testament of your faith.

At your funeral many people who have been part of your life are likely to pay their respects. It is another opportunity to demonstrate God’s faithfulness and love. What are the Bible passages and songs that mean the most to you? Let your family and pastor know what you would like included in the service. Even your obituary can be a reflection of your faith. Is it a recount of what you have done or reflecting what God has done for you?

Your strong faith will impact how you communicate in your Estate Plan. We all want to leave an inheritance to family. Passing along your courage and strength, which comes through your faith, is more valuable than any financial gift you can leave. As you decide how to bless your family, remember to include a final estate gift to ministries that have blessed you. That is another way to express to family how important those ministries have been in your life. Plus your gift will be a huge blessing to those ministries, allowing them to share God’s grace, winning more souls for Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

Contact Church Extension Fund - Gift Planning to discuss various ways to create your Spiritual Estate Plan. Share your spiritual and financial gifts with loved ones, while blessing ministry with an Estate Gift that will help change the world. There is no cost to you for using this ministry of CEF. We want to assist you in getting your personal faith story to your family and friends. Call us today!

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