

Making a Will

One of the most popular reasons people do not take the time to create or update their estate plan is because they assume it is a big process. The truth is, with the right help, it's actually fairly simple — and the impact on your loved ones or the organizations you cherish can be far reaching.

Dallas Willard once said, "Blessing is the projection of good into the life of another." Having a will that's current and strongly aligned with your personal values can project good into the lives of those you leave behind.

Here are some questions to consider, to determine whether your estate plan is all it could be:

- Do your plans reflect your family, faith and charitable goals?
- Do you understand the estate planning options available to you?
- What kind of legacy do you want to leave for your family?
- How would an inheritance to your children impact their lifestyle?



Your will should be updated every few years to make sure it aligns with your values, family situation and current tax laws.

Creating or updating a will is often seen as a wise financial decision—and it is—but with a little care and intention, your estate plan could represent so much more.

A current, values-aligned will can:

- Communicate a meaningful legacy to those you leave behind
- Ensure your financial house is in order— eliminating the burden from your loved ones
- Be the ultimate act of worship and stewardship. By including a gift in your will to an organization you care about, you can punctuate your life with a statement of faith that sustains and encourages the ministries you care about for generations to come.

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Here are several reasons why you should create or update your will:

- You decide who will be the next steward of the resources entrusted to you.
- An up-to-date will reflects changes in your family, financial situation, or tax laws.
- You determine who will care for your children and how your assets should be distributed.
- You can help your favorite charitable organizations, creating an impact and ensuring their ministry continues for years to come.
- Your family will avoid unnecessary costs and hassle.
- You will have peace of mind knowing your house is in order.
- You can be certain your will is a true reflection of what you value most.



There are many unexpected situations in life that can impact the relevancy of your will — and those triggers are often overlooked.