

Six Critical Components of Your Estate Plan

Your will is one of the most important documents you will ever create. Through it, you are proactively making important, loving decisions to support the needs of your family and the causes you hold most dear. But, in order for it to be effective, your will must be complete and up-to-date. As you move through the will planning process, here are six critical areas for you to consider.

1. PRIORITIES

Determine your priorities and objectives.

What are the core values and guiding principles by which I've lived my life? What do I want to communicate to my family and the world about what matters most to me?

2. PEOPLE

Identify the people you wish to remember in your plan and any specific needs that must be addressed.

How can I best equip the next generation for success? In what ways can I reinforce the values I'm hoping to teach them? How much is enough for them? How much is too much?

3. PASSIONS

If you are committed to specific areas of societal concern or Christian ministry, you can extend your support and possibly give more than you were able to during your lifetime by including charitable giving in your will.

Which ministries best reflect my values and help fulfill my personal mission? How much of my estate should I direct toward the causes I currently support?



"We have long supported ICCF financially and with Ken's volunteer carpentry. Knowing our gifts stay in our locale and are managed by a Christian organization is important to us, as is getting to know the ICCF staff through personal contact. We have chosen to make ICCF part of our legacy so this work will go on after God choses to call us home."

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4. PROPERTY

Take stock of what you own — your home, real estate, business interests, personal collections, sentimental items and family heirlooms.

How can my resources be best used to meet the tangible and emotional needs of my loved ones? Who should be the next steward of my God-given resources?

5. PLAN

Seek professional advice for the particulars of your estate plan.

Which estate planner, lawyer or professional advisor can best help me identify the options and the appropriate documentation for a plan that honors God, provides for my family, minimizes delays and avoids unnecessary taxes?

6. PARTICIPANTS

Determine who you trust to implement your plan. If you have minor children, your will should designate specific family members or close friends who share your values to serve as guardians.

Who will make decisions on my behalf when I am no longer able? Which family member(s), trust officer, accountant or other trusted acquaintance will carry out my wishes?



PROCRASTINATION

is the enemy of your will

Too many people have the best of intentions, but put off establishing their estate plans indefinitely. In fact, close to 60% of Americans die without a will, leaving their loved ones to pick up the pieces.

Through ICCF's membership with Barnabas Foundation, you have complementary access to trusted planning assistance from a Christian perspective. At no cost to you, a Barnabas Foundation planner will discuss your plans with you, helping ensure your will reflects your personal and charitable goals. To learn more, call 888.448.3040 or email **info@BarnabasFoundation.com**.



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