

Your Spiritual Legacy Will

A LifeStory Tool

The over-riding idea is to preserve a written will of your:
love, faith, beliefs, values, wisdom, insight, hopes, and dreams for your descendants.

People have asked: *What is a Spiritual Legacy Will?*

It is a written testimony bequeathing your values both personal and spiritual. It is a document written to share your: personal faith, beliefs, values, spiritual wisdom and insight, your hopes, dreams, life lessons, even the need for forgiveness, all for the benefit of your descendants.

Every Spiritual Legacy Will is as unique as the person writing it. Whether simple or complex, plain or elaborate, brief or lengthy, the SLW should convey a sense of coming from your heart.

WHY CREATE THIS TYPE OF WILL?

Because there is something within us that wants to be remembered by leaving something behind other than things tangible.

Because it's an excellent identifier of what you value most.

Because it helps to ensure that your values will be passed on to future generations.

Because we tend to learn a lot about ourselves in the process.

Because it helps us come to terms with our mortality.

Because it provides a sense of completion.

Because it conveys feelings, and thoughts, that may be hard to say directly.

Because it can open the door to forgiving and being forgiven.

Because it can be a spiritual experience that provides a sense of closure.

Because it's a loving undertaking that helps your family let go when the time comes.

AS YOU CONSIDER WRITING, THINK ABOUT THESE THREE RHETORICAL QUESTIONS:

Do you have a tangible record of your heart speaking to the hearts of your children, grandchildren and the future generations of your descendants?

Do you have a love letter in which you pass down the experiences and values that have infused your life with meaning?

Do your current legal and living wills lack a soulful component, a voice from your heart?

THE PURPOSE FOR WRITING A SPIRITUAL LEGACY WILL IS:

To write of your values which may awaken a desire in your descendants to honor Christ and endeavor to keep alive their spiritual heritage.

To serve as a consolation during times of sadness as your family feels your written embrace.

To serve as an encouragement by the Holy Spirit as your words touch the lives of your family.

To open the doors of forgiveness and allow for reconciliation.

To ensure that your words of love have lasting value.

To articulate how you handled life situations with integrity.

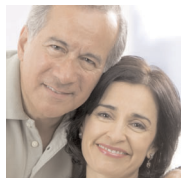
A quick formula for writing your Legacy Will:

What I believe.

What I did.

What I learned.

What my dreams are for you.



A VERY IMPORTANT NEXT STEP

Pages 2 thru 6 of this LIFE STORY TOOL are worksheets to help you get started. Think of these sheets as a way of writing your first draft. After finishing this first draft it can be rewritten—if you wish—in narrative form on separate paper (or word processor) as a second draft and subsequent drafts.

There are suggestions and ideas on each sheet to prompt your memory, but they are not all-inclusive. The best ideas come from your own life experience and placed on paper in a way that's only unique to you and your style of writing.

