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# WRITING YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

**“For we brought nothing into the world,  
and we can take nothing out of it.”**

**—1 TIMOTHY 6:7**



*Helping God's People Use God's  
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**WHAT IS A BIBLICAL WILL?** A Biblical will is a last will and testament that was prayerfully designed with scriptures and biblical concepts in mind.

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A BIBLICAL WILL?

**TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION,** let's first look at the two alternatives to not having a Biblical will. First, you could choose to have no will at all, but this would leave important stewardship responsibilities - entrusted to you by God - in the hands of the courts. We know from 2 Kings 20:1 that God wants us to have our affairs in order, so this doesn't seem like a fitting alternative. Second, you could choose to just have your attorney draft your will from an entirely legal viewpoint. However, when you stop to consider that everything you have actually belongs to God (Psalm 24:1) and you are His steward, designing your will simply from a legal viewpoint isn't a good alternative for Christians either.

**“THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S,  
AND EVERYTHING IN IT,  
THE WORLD, AND ALL  
WHO LIVE IN IT.”**

—PSALM 24:1

Your will is the legal document that transfers stewardship of everything God has given you. So, a Christian's will should be prayerfully designed with God's Word in mind. Consider the following scriptures:

- **God wants us to be good stewards.**  
1 Corinthians 4:2
- **God wants us to provide for our loved ones.**  
1 Timothy 5-8
- **God wants us to give cheerfully to the Lord's work.**  
2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- **God doesn't want our heirs to get too much too soon.**  
Proverbs 20:21

Whether writing your will from scratch, or updating your existing will, our Will and Trust Planning Ministry will fully prepare you - from a scriptural perspective - to have your will or trust drafted with an attorney.



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**THROUGH  
YOUR WILL**

As you design your will, consider biblical principles of stewardship when answering important questions such as:

How do you plan for your spouse, children, parents, or grandchildren?

- What does the Bible say about taxes and debt?
- How do you plan for a child who wastes money or is living an ungodly lifestyle?
- Will the amount of inheritance you leave your children draw them closer to Jesus or push them further away?
- How do you choose the right guardians to raise your minor children if you and your spouse both pass away?
- What's the best way to transfer remaining retirement assets when you go to heaven?