

# WILL OF WILLIAM F. GRAHAM, JR.

## *Article I, Family Testament*

First, I commit myself wholly into the hands of my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing by God's Word that through His shed blood my sins have been atoned for and taken away and that through His merits I shall be presented faultless in the presence of His glory.

Since I was a teenager, I have found joy and peace in believing God rather than trusting the changing opinions of men. It has been my supreme joy to labour in His service. I acknowledge that I have often disappointed Him but He has never disappointed me.

I ask my children and grandchildren to maintain and defend at all hazards and at any cost of personal sacrifice the blessed doctrine of complete Atonement for sin through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ once offered, and through that alone. I urge all of you to walk with the Lord in a life of separation from the world and to keep eternal values in view.

I urge all who shall read this document to read and study the Scriptures daily and to trust only in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

When you read this I will be safely with Jesus in Paradise. I will be awaiting the reunion of our family in Heaven. Time on earth is so short. It seems only yesterday that I was a little boy playing on the farm near Charlotte. It seems only yesterday that I took your mother out for our first date on the second Sunday of December, 1940. It seems only yesterday that we were married on the full moonlit night in August, 1943. It seems only yesterday that I opened a letter from your mother to say that we were expecting our first child in the fall of 1945.

Because of Christ, your mother and I enjoyed a wonderful, thrilling and joyous life together. We have had many problems, difficulties and burdens through the years but the grace of God was always sufficient for them all. I want to thank her for her years of devotion, love, faithfulness and sacrifice. Of all the people I have ever known, she was the greatest Christian.

I have loved and been proud of all five of my children and those whom they chose to marry. I have loved all of you equally, while each of you maintained a separate spot in my heart.

Concerning the material things that we leave behind, I would like to share with you in a couple of paragraphs what our family policy was and from when came these things.

From the beginning of our marriage, we determined that we would be tithers. We have tithed our income over the years. God has wonderfully honoured us and blessed us beyond all measure because of this decision that we made many years ago. As you will learn later in this document, ten percent of my residuary estate will go back to the Lord's work.

We determined many years ago not to be preoccupied with material things, which leads to covetousness and which the Scriptures call idolatry. Jesus said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." We certainly found that to be true. I had very little in my early life to call my own—and in the first years of our marriage we had very little to live on. We never dreamed that we would be given so much. We have tried to use our material blessings for the glory of God. We have always tried to keep a somewhat detached attitude from them. We never wanted our roots to be very deep in this world. We wanted to live "loose" so that if all of it were suddenly taken away it would not disturb us. Yet I must confess that we were always faced with a certain dilemma as to how high a standard of living to maintain as servants of the Lord. We feel that we have maintained a proper balance over the years.

Whether I have handled things properly or not, we will have to await the judgement at the Judgement Seat of Christ when all things will be revealed. I have done my best before the Lord and I have confidence in all of you that you will consider that you are only trustees of what I have left.

