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"We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds
of the Lord, his power, and the
wonders he has done."

—PSALM 78:4, NIV

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What will be yours?

Billy Graham once said, “Our days are numbered ... and the legacy we leave is not just in possessions, but in the quality of our lives.” Have you taken time to consider how you’ll be remembered? As you think about your own legacy, we have some practical resources to help.

"The righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever." Psalm 112:6, ESV



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DID YOU
KNOW YOUR
WILL CAN SHARE
YOUR FAITH IN
JESUS CHRIST?

Your free guide on writing
your testimony.

Your testimony is the most important part of your legacy. Writing the story of how you came to know Jesus Christ and how He’s changed your life is a simple way to share Him with others—and you can include that in your will. Discover a Biblical pattern for outlining your testimony with this guide.

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”
—1 Peter 3:15, NIV





INCLUDING YOUR CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY IN YOUR WILL

In the first article of Billy Graham's will, he wrote, "When you read this, I will be safely with Jesus in Paradise. I will be awaiting the reunion of our family in Heaven." He also encouraged "all who read this document to read and study the Scriptures daily and to trust only in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation." You too can point your loved ones to the hope of the Gospel by including your testimony in your will. Use the guide below to get started.

Your Christian testimony—the story of how you came to know Jesus Christ and how He's changed your life—should not surprise your hearers but should simply confirm and clarify your lifestyle, values, and decisions. As you write it out, think about how you'll be sharing your faith—both in your will and in conversations with others—and that will help you choose your words and determine what to include. Remember, the purpose of this exercise is two-fold: to remind you of Jesus Christ's faithfulness and to share Him with others.

As you write your story, keep these tips in mind:

- Use everyday words and a conversational tone.
- Avoid religious phrases and jargon.
- Share from the heart—don't preach.
- Be concise.

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THE THREE-POINT TESTIMONY

God's Word offers the best outline for your testimony. Acts 26 records how the Apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa and gave his testimony—boldly, simply, and logically. Paul used three points: his life before Christ, how he met the Lord, and what his life was like after he became a Christian. Your testimony can follow the same pattern:

1. **My Life Before I Came to Christ:** Set the stage by sharing relevant information like your age, your friends and family, and your lifestyle, like Paul did in Acts 26:4–11. Include information you know unbelievers will be able to relate to. Connect your own experience to universal needs like love and forgiveness.
2. **My Conversion Experience:** In Acts 26:12–20, Paul describes how Jesus confronted him. Consider the circumstances that led you to encountering Christ—think about key events and highlight turning points. Include the steps you took, people you talked to, prayers you prayed, and Scripture passages that touched you.
3. **My New Life:** Finally, share how Christ has changed your life. Since you started following Him, how has your behavior, motivation, or values changed? In Acts 26:21–23, Paul declares his identity is now in God. How has your identity changed?



WILL OF WILLIAM F. GRAHAM, JR.

Article I, Family Testament

First, I commit myself wholly into the hands of my Savior, 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 labor 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.

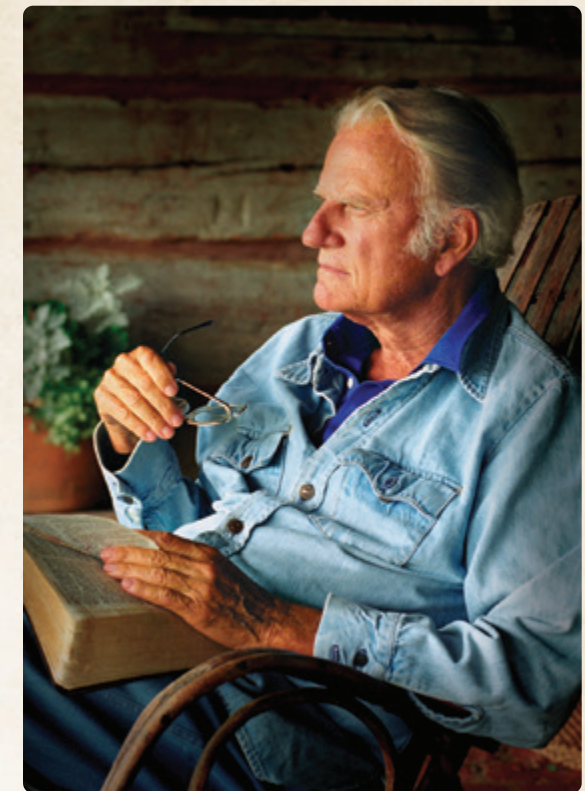
I have loved and been proud of all five of my children and those whom they chose to marry. I have loved all of you equally, while each of you maintained a separate spot in my heart.

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 honored 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.



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WILL INFORMATION WORKSHEET

Use this informational sheet to assist the attorney in preparing your will. Please print clearly.

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name:

Address:

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Birth Date: Phone No.: () - Social Security No.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY (SPOUSE, CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND OTHERS):

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name:

Address:

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Birth Date: Phone No.: () - Social Security No.

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name:

Address:

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HOW I WANT MY ESTATE DISTRIBUTED:

To my spouse: %

To my children (equally, unless otherwise designated): %

To other individuals:

Name	Address	Relationship	Percentage or Amount

To Christian organizations:

Name	Address	Percentage or Amount

I WANT THE FOLLOWING PERSON OR ORGANIZATION TO BE THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE (EXECUTOR) OF MY ESTATE AND TO SERVE WITH/WITHOUT (CIRCLE ONE) BOND:

Name of Executor: Address:

Alternate Executor: Address:

I WANT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) TO BE THE GUARDIAN(S) OF MY MINOR CHILDREN:

Name(s) of Guardian(s): Address:

Alternate Guardian(s): Address:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MY ATTORNEY:

1. An attached copy of my present will(s)
2.

Be sure to contact an attorney for the preparation of your will.



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YOUR GUIDE TO AMENDING YOUR WILL

Life is full of changes that can affect your will, so if it's been more than a year since you created or looked over your estate plans, it may be time to review them—and this worksheet is designed to help you do just that. Read on to discover how you can reach people with the hope of Jesus Christ beyond your lifetime.

“I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.” —Romans 1:8, ESV



REVISING YOUR WILL

Good estate planning is an ongoing process. Many attorneys recommend reviewing will and trust documents annually or at least every few years. Milestone birthdays or anniversaries can serve as helpful reminders to review your will and many major life events like marriages, births, adoptions, job changes, or retirements often represent reasons for updating or amending your will. Here are some simple steps to help you get started:

- 1. Determine needed changes.** Some changes, such as adding a child or replacing an executor, can be relatively simple to make. Others, like changing the assets you would like to leave and to whom, may be more complex. Knowing what you want to change will determine your next steps.
- 2. Choose how you will make those changes.** Small changes may be executed using a codicil, a legal term for an amendment attached to your original will, much like a P.S. in a letter. Significant changes, on the other hand, may require rewriting your will. It's best to consult your attorney to determine the best method for your situation and objectives.
- 3. Write down your desired changes.** If you are creating a codicil, write out your desired changes. If you're rewriting your will, consider using the original format and make your changes to the document. We always recommend that any wording changes be made with the assistance of a qualified attorney or legal document service provider, such as Christian Trustmaker. To learn more about this online estate planning tool, visit ChristianTrustmaker.com. Friends of BGEA will receive a discount code, with no obligation to the ministry.
- 4. Sign, date, and notarize your documents.** You must sign the newly revised will or codicil, along with the required number of witnesses. Some states have additional requirements, such as notarization; work with your estate attorney to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations.
- 5. Store the current will and any codicil in a secure location.** If you have a new will, destroy the previous original and any copies.

As you review your will, would you prayerfully consider a legacy gift to share the Gospel with people around the world? We regularly hear stories from people like you who tell us about the joy they feel after planning a gift to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Legacy gifts are particularly meaningful because they will help reach the next generation with the hope of Jesus Christ, so *“that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord”* (Psalm 102:18, NKJV).

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We appreciate your heart to share God's love with others.

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*This information does not constitute legal or financial advice. Donors are strongly encouraged to seek independent advice.

MAJOR EVENTS THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR WILL

Life is unpredictable and full of changes. But God, in His Word, says, *“I am the Lord, I do not change”* (Malachi 3:6, NKJV)—therefore we need not fear. We can respond to major life events with wisdom and confidence in Him.

Did you know there are at least 11 events that should trigger a careful review of your last will and estate documents? With this in mind, most attorneys recommend reviewing yours every two or three years—especially if you are 55 or over.

While the list below is not exhaustive, it identifies 11 common events that should prompt a review of your wishes.

- 1. Marriage/divorce/remarriage.** This could be your own marital status or that of your children or grandchildren.
- 2. Death of spouse/child or other family member.** Although the passing of a family member is an extremely difficult experience, it may affect your last wishes. Try to be prompt in reviewing your will.
- 3. New baby/adopted child/stepchildren/grandchildren.** You may want to include something in your will for a new addition to your extended family such as a new grandchild or son/daughter-in-law.
- 4. Move to another state.** Each state has its own set of estate tax laws. Check with an attorney in your new state to see if a revision is needed.
- 5. A change in the status of your relationship with anyone named in your will,** including heirs, beneficiaries, or the executor. A relationship change could include death or a new health condition.
- 6. Purchase or sale of the family home** or other significant personal or business asset.
- 7. Job promotion** or any other change which significantly increases your estate value.





MANAGING YOUR DIGITAL ASSETS

8. Retirement, job loss, or disability. Any significant change in your employment status that changes your income may also prompt a careful review of your assets and their present and future management.

9. Changes in estate tax laws. These laws constantly change. Read as much as you can about changes when you hear about them in the news and check with your attorney when you have questions or concerns.

10. Dependent child(ren) reach age of majority (age 18). You will no longer need to name a guardian for children once they reach age 18, but you may want to review or reconsider how you remember them in your will as they become adults.

11. Change in your own health condition.

As you prayerfully review your will, would you consider including a charitable bequest to further the Gospel long after you are gone? You can leave a gift to your church or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Supporting Kingdom work—until Christ returns—can become an integral part of your lasting legacy.

When you take the time to update your estate plans regularly and after major life events, you'll feel more confident that your wishes will be carried out upon your passing. In addition, when you update your will periodically, there's less likelihood that your family and loved ones will experience conflict over your choices. When appropriate, you may want to share these plans with them—especially your faith in Jesus Christ. This is the most important legacy that you will leave.

In many cases, a codicil, which is a separate document that explains changes to your existing will, may suffice for minor changes. We always recommend that you check with your estate planning professional who will provide the legal guidance that you need.

For more information, email donor-ministries@bgea.org or call 1-877-243-2202. As always, we encourage you to consult with your personal financial adviser and attorney.

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Introduction to Digital Assets

Unlike previous generations, you may own and manage several digital assets—which means anything that is created, communicated, sent, received, or stored by electronic means.

Common Types of Digital Assets*

- Email Accounts
- Cloud Storage
- Word Documents
- Contact Lists
- Website Domains
- Calendars
- Digital Storefronts (e.g. eBay, Etsy)
- Social Media Accounts
- Photos
- Medical Images and Files
- Subscription Accounts (e.g. Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime)
- Cryptocurrency Files
- Gateways to Financial Assets (e.g. Access to Bank and Brokerage Accounts, Cryptocurrency Exchanges)

Protecting Your Digital Assets Through Your Will

Similar to email and online accounts, access to digital assets requires usernames and passwords. While federal and state laws are rapidly evolving, you can take proactive steps to minimize potential obstacles by including provisions in your will that specify how you want these assets to be managed, deleted, or transferred after you pass. The steps below will guide you through this process.

- 1. Make a list of your digital assets, including usernames and passwords.** This important step will help you see the full extent of your digital estate. Include hardware (computers, tablets, cellphones, e-readers, digital cameras, etc.), social media accounts in your name, online financial accounts, and any bills managed online.
- 2. Review applicable user agreements or the terms of use for each account.** In most cases, user agreements govern the conditions under which another person may be granted permission to access and manage the account.
- 3. Back up data stored in the cloud** to your own computer or device on a regular basis. That way, the person you authorize access to your personal account may face fewer obstacles.

*Source: Michael Kitces

4. Determine how each asset should be handled. You may choose to:

- Archive personal files, photos, videos, and other content you own or have created;
- Delete files from your computer or other devices;
- Maintain online accounts, which may include paying for services to continue (such as web hosting services);
- Close online accounts, such as social media accounts, subscription services, or any accounts that are paid for (such as Amazon Prime);
- Transfer any applicable assets to your heirs or a person you name;
- Collect and transfer any money or usable credits to your heirs or a person you name;
- Transfer any income-generating items (websites, blogs, affiliate accounts, etc.) to your heirs or a person you name; and
- Ask your heirs or a person you name to inform any online communities or online friends of your passing, such as posting your testimony of faith in Jesus Christ, and suggesting where the family would like memorials to be sent.

5. Name your Digital Executor. First, personally confirm an individual's fitness and willingness to serve in this important role. It may be best to choose a person very comfortable and familiar with all facets of digital media. Keep in mind that this individual will have access to your most personal online information and correspondence in addition to the technical skills required to use email, social media, and to navigate the internet. Once you have secured their agreement, provide consent in your legal documents and applicable online accounts and services.

Sample language designating this role through your will is below: *"I hereby give my lawful consent and fully authorize <name of executor> to access, manage, control, transfer, delete, or terminate any electronically stored information and communications to the fullest extent allowable under any state or federal privacy or other laws, and to take any actions I am authorized to take under all applicable terms of service, terms of use, licensing, and other account agreement or laws."*

In most states, a Digital Executor is not a legally binding or enforceable designation. Ask your attorney about current laws in your state.

6. Store this information in a secure but accessible location, along with your last will and other estate papers. Do not include passwords or other sensitive information in your will since it becomes public after you pass. Instead, refer to an outside document in your will that contains all pertinent information. This way, you can add to, revise, and update this document without having to formally change your will.

Sample language you could include in your will: *"I have prepared a memorandum with instructions concerning my digital assets and their access, handling, distribution, and disposition. I direct my executor and beneficiaries to follow my instructions concerning my digital assets."*

7. Your attorney can update your legal documents to include any instructions related to digital assets. Since laws governing digital assets are changing rapidly, it is important to ensure you are in compliance with current regulations. Ask your attorney whether a codicil will work for your situation.

These proactive steps will help give you and your family peace of mind. While advance planning is a part of good Biblical stewardship, as Christians, we have the added peace and knowledge that *"our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"* (Philippians 3:20, ESV).

If you have any questions, including making a planned gift to BGEA through your will, your BGEA Regional Manager is always available, with no obligation on your part. Go to **BillyGraham.org/legacy-planning** to find the Regional Manager closest to you.

For more information, email **donor-ministries@bgea.org** or call **1-877-243-2202**. As always, we encourage you to consult with your personal financial adviser and attorney.



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DO YOUR LOVED ONES KNOW THE WHY BEHIND YOUR WILL?

*A guide to passing down Biblical wisdom
and Christ-centered values through your will.*

Your will and trust documents direct your estate—but they can also share the vision behind your decisions as a follower of Jesus Christ, “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3, ESV). Discover how a personal letter accompanying your will can reflect your heart for Him by using this worksheet. No matter where you are in the process, this resource is designed to help you point your loved ones to the Lord as you make your estate plans.





THE “WHY” BEHIND YOUR WILL: SHARING VALUES AND BELIEFS

As you create or update your will, one of the most important things you can do is share the motivation behind your bequest decisions. The stories, traditions, life lessons, and Biblical wisdom you’ve drawn from your experience as a follower of Jesus Christ have likely shaped the choices you’ve made as you prepared these documents.

Unfortunately, your will alone can’t convey the thought behind bequest decisions—but a personal letter or video message can. Attorneys will encourage you to keep your property descriptions appropriately brief, but this doesn’t mean you can’t add an introduction or explanatory letter.

Below are questions to consider as you create this message. Not all of these questions may apply to you, but they can help you think through what you’d like to share. Whichever you answer, the questions below are designed to help you effectively share how your faith in Jesus Christ has shaped your life and your will and trust decisions. Once you’re finished, you can include it with your formal estate planning documents. Remember this isn’t legally binding, but it should be consistent with all of your bequest decisions.

PERSONAL HISTORY

- Where did you grow up? Were there any special circumstances—including tragedies or setbacks—during your childhood that impacted you?
- Think about any special stories or fun facts about your parents and siblings. What did you learn from these family members? What do you remember most about them?
- Who were your best childhood friends, and what did they teach you about relationships, loyalty, and trust?
- When did you accept Jesus Christ in repentance and faith?

- What are your fondest memories of family vacations?
- Were there any teachers—at school or at church—or college professors who impacted you?
- How, when, and where did you meet your spouse? What aspects of his or her character attracted you?
- What lessons have you learned in your relationships with family members that you’d like to share?

FAMILY TRADITIONS

- What traditions are important to you? Do you hope that your family will continue these? Why?
- Share significant family traditions associated with birthdays, holidays, and seasons. How would you like these to be carried on?

CAREER AND FINANCES

- What shaped your career decisions? What motivated you to pursue your chosen field of work?
- What are some of the lessons you learned over the years regarding budgeting, borrowing, giving, saving, investing, and record-keeping?

SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

- What special abilities or attributes do you see in your children and grandchildren? How do you think they can use these to serve the Lord? Share your ideas with them.
- Has God given you any specific hopes or dreams for your children and grandchildren?
- What are your favorite hymns and songs? Share their significance to you. Share these with them.
- What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

NOTES

- What is the bravest or boldest thing you have ever done? The funniest? How did God use these events in your life?
- Would you do anything differently, and if so, what? How did you seek forgiveness in the midst of conflict? How did you make changes?
- Describe the churches you have belonged to and the ministries in which you’ve served. What are your spiritual gifts and how have you used them to minister to the body of Christ?
- Share major, life-changing events. How did you respond? How have you seen the Lord work through the storms and successes in your life?

GENEROUS LIVING AND GIVING

- What have you learned from a life of giving? Which ministries do you support—now and in your will—and why?
- What encouragement or advice can you offer about charitable giving?

Once you have chosen which questions to answer, develop an outline. As you create your letter or video, think about your loved ones who will be reading or listening to it. Be warm and engaging—and keep in mind that this will affect how your family remembers you. Keep a positive tone and let Christ shine through your words.

*“I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness.
In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things.”*
—1 Chronicles 29:17, ESV





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FINAL ARRANGEMENTS GUIDE

Helpful Suggestions for Documenting Your Last Wishes for Family and Loved Ones

As part of your comprehensive estate planning documents, consider including clear, written instructions regarding your last wishes, also known as “final arrangements.” While not legally binding, if you do not document your last wishes, bereaved family members are left to make critical decisions during an emotionally challenging time. Instead, help your executor and loved ones by recording your wishes in advance. This step may minimize potential conflict among surviving family members and potentially reduce unnecessary or costly expenses.

Depending upon your circumstances, you may have very specific preferences, or you may be in a place to communicate only general final arrangements. The form of your documentation can also vary, from a simple checklist to a comprehensive letter that identifies prepaid expenses. If possible, talk to your loved ones about your plans in advance and let them know where to locate this document when the time comes. Ideally, your plans will not be a surprise.

Keep in mind that your last wishes document does not take the place of your final will, nor should such information be included in your will. That’s because the distribution of your assets and custody of minor children as stated in your will is enforceable by law—your last wishes are not.

Once your document is finished, add your signature and date. You may revise it at any time. This guide includes a last wishes checklist and letter template. May the Lord direct and bless your planning process.

*“May he grant you your heart’s desire and fulfill
all your plans!” —Psalm 20:4, ESV*





FINAL ARRANGEMENTS CHECKLIST

The checklist below and the template which follows it can help you think through—and document—your preferred final arrangements. In addition, your family or church may have special traditions that you will want to include.

I. Funeral Home

- ☐ Preferred company
- ☐ Prepaid arrangements
- ☐ Style and cost of coffin/urn
- ☐ Preferred attire for burial/cremation
- ☐ Notes regarding jewelry or glasses

II. Visitation Preferences

- ☐ Funeral home, church, or residence
- ☐ Guest attendance

III. Service Preference

- ☐ Funeral or Memorial service with/without remains
- ☐ Speakers at service and eulogy
- ☐ Pallbearers
- ☐ Scripture for service(s)
- ☐ Hymns for service(s)
- ☐ Graveside service
- ☐ Reception

IV. Preferred Expressions of Sympathy

- ☐ Cut flowers
- ☐ Live plants
- ☐ Guest book

V. Preferred Memorial Funds and Donations

- ☐ Church
- ☐ Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; BillyGraham.org
- ☐ Other organizations important to you

VI. Care of Body

- ☐ Donate organs (complete documents as needed)
- ☐ Donate body (complete documents as needed)
- ☐ Embalm remains
- ☐ Cremation
- ☐ Burial
- ☐ Preferred cemetery
- ☐ Notes regarding jewelry and glasses

VII. Obituary: Provide the Following

- ☐ Full name
- ☐ Date and place of birth
- ☐ Family information, including names of your spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, and siblings
- ☐ Current city and state residence
- ☐ Education, employment, military service
- ☐ Career highlights and other significant events or accomplishments
- ☐ Hobbies, interests, special skills
- ☐ Church and any other organizational affiliation important to you
- ☐ Flowers or memorial donations to a charity or organization in your name
- ☐ Photo you would like to accompany any published obituary

VIII. Gravesite Marker

- ☐ Raised headstone, or flat grave marker of stone/bronze
- ☐ Full name and date of birth
- ☐ Words of loving identification such as father, daughter, sibling, friend
- ☐ Epitaph

IX. Other Information You May Wish to Provide

- ☐ Identify an individual(s) to oversee your last wishes and final arrangements
- ☐ Specific individuals to notify upon your passing
- ☐ Budget for final expenses
- ☐ Additional prepaid arrangements

COMFORTING SCRIPTURE

Selections appropriate for a service or private reflections

Old Testament (ESV)

Job 19:25	“I know that my Redeemer lives.”
Psalms 23	“The Lord is my shepherd.”
Psalms 27	“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”
Psalms 46	“God is our refuge and strength.”
Psalms 90:1	“Lord, you have been our dwelling place.”
Psalms 121	“I lift up my eyes to the hills.”
Psalms 130	“Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!”
Ecclesiastes 3:1–8	“For everything there is a season.”
Isaiah 25:8–9	“He will swallow up death forever.”
Isaiah 40:31	“They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.”
Isaiah 43:1–3	“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.”
Isaiah 65:17–18	“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth.”
Lamentations 3:21–24	“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.”

New Testament

Matthew 5:4	“Blessed are those who mourn.”
John 3:16	“For God so loved the world ...”
John 14:1–3	“I go to prepare a place for you.”
John 14:27–28	“Peace I leave with you.”
Romans 8:31–39	“[Nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God.”
1 Corinthians 15:50–57	“O death, where is your victory?”
2 Corinthians 4:16–5:5	“This ... is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory.”
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18	“[Do] not grieve as others do who have no hope.”
Revelation 14:13	“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”
Revelation 21:1–5	“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.”
Revelation 22:7	“I am coming soon.”

BELOVED HYMNS TO CONSIDER
FOR A CHRISTIAN SERVICE

“Abide With Me”	“How Can I Keep From Singing?”	“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”
“Amazing Grace”	“How Great Thou Art”	
“Be Still My Soul”	“In the Sweet By and By”	“The Old Rugged Cross”
“Be Thou My Vision”	“It is Well With My Soul”	“Rock of Ages”
“Just Give Me Jesus”	“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”	“To God be the Glory”

A GUIDE TO THE FINAL
ARRANGEMENT PREFERENCES OF

completed this day,

Dear Family and Loved Ones:

I have recorded my preferences related to my death and final arrangements. I understand that the information provided herein is for the benefit of my executor, family, friends, and church to make the necessary arrangements at the time of my death. I understand that these instructions are neither legally binding nor enforceable by law. However, I ask that you use this information to the fullest extent possible and practical.

1. **My Representative.** I designate to oversee my plans and related arrangements outlined herein. I designate as my alternative representative should the individual named above be unable or unwilling to oversee these plans.

2. **Funeral Services.** I would like all arrangements for the disposition of my remains and related services to be performed by: (name of funeral home), located at: .

- ☐ I have prepaid for any funeral services or arrangements.
- ☐ I have not prepaid for any funeral services or arrangements.

The following are my stated preferences for services:

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