

# WRITING A SPIRITUAL LOVE LETTER

## Sharing Your Values and Blessings in Your Estate Plan

A spiritual love letter may be one of the most meaningful gifts you can leave to your family and friends. Sometimes referred to as an “ethical will,” it is designed to pass your Christian values, life lessons, and blessings from one generation to the next.



**Here are a few reflection questions to guide your writing.**

### Beliefs and Values

- What do you believe about God?
- What are your views about marriage?
- What is your philosophy when it comes to raising and educating family?
- What are your convictions about church, discipleship, and outreach?
- What are your guiding principles for handling money?
- Are there other truths and values that have guided your life?

### Life Lessons

- What lessons did you learn from your grandparents, parents, and other mentors?
- What were some of the defining moments of your life and what did you learn from them?
- For what life experiences are you most grateful?
- What have been some of your greatest disappointments or regrets?
- What were some of your proudest achievements?
- What are the keys to developing a Christ-like character?

### Writing Your Letter

Writing a spiritual love letter may feel daunting at first. However, if you view it as a love letter to your family, the process can be spiritually deep and satisfying. Furthermore, since this is not a legal document, the content, length, and form are completely up to you. There’s no wrong way to go about it!



## Sharing Your Letter

Once you've completed your spiritual love letter, make sure to save it along with your will, in a safe location where your personal representative knows where to find it. In doing so, you will leave your family a tangible gift of love, hope, and encouragement they can carry with them in the years to come.



## Messages of Hope

- What are some of the most meaningful passages of Scripture to you? Why?
- What principles do you hope will guide your family in the future?
- What message of hope and encouragement do you wish to leave to your loved ones?
- What did you most appreciate about your family and friends and how did you grow closer to God because of them?
- What is your greatest hope and prayer for your family? What spiritual blessing do you want to give them?



## TALK TO A PLANNER

Through Multiplication Network's partnership with Barnabas Foundation, you have complimentary access to trusted planning support, all from a Christian perspective. A Barnabas Foundation planner will help you develop a plan that honors God, supports your family and furthers the important missions of the ministries close to your heart.

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