

ESTATE PLANNING IS BIBLICAL

A FOUNDATION OF STEWARDSHIP





WHY ESTATE PLANNING?

Counting the Cost: Planning Ahead

- Luke 14:28-30—Jesus taught the importance of preparing before building.
- Don't leave family with chaos—wise planning brings peace.

Thinking Generationally

- Proverbs 13:22—"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children."
- Consider legacy beyond just the next generation—what values and blessings will your plan pass on?



Lessons from Jacob and Esau: Avoiding Family Conflict

- Short-term thinking (Esau's stew) vs. long-term legacy.
- Poor communication caused manipulation and conflict—transparency and fairness are key.
- Emotional fallout from poor planning can last generations.

Biblical Priorities in Estate Planning

- Stewards, not owners—manage God's resources for His glory.
- Practice fairness, transparency, and consider individual needs.
- Include charitable giving to faith-based organizations.

3 PRIMARY PLANNING AREAS TO FOCUS



PLAN FOR YOUR ASSETS



PLAN FOR YOUR MEDICAL



PLAN FOR YOUR CHILDREN

BASIC PLANNING

A basic plan is going to include documents that address the three areas mentioned ...



- Will or Trust for your Assets
- Health Care Directives for your physical body
- Protection for your children's future



COSTS OF NO PLAN

The STATE actually has a plan for you. It is a Court process called PROBATE or GUARDIANSHIP.

Both of these court proceedings involve a JUDGE making the final decision about you, your health care and/or your assets.

If you are going through this process, you no longer have a say in the potential outcome.

Executor's fees, attorney's fees, appraiser's fees, bond premiums, creditors, filing fees.

The process is SLOW.



WILL

- Probate Court REQUIRED
- Public process
- No protection for minors
- Not effective until death
- Takes 8-12 months - *or more*
- Assets frozen

TRUST

- Avoids Probate Court
- Private process
- Adds protection for minors
- Effective even if incapacitated
- Resolves in weeks
- Assets available immediately

AND WHAT ABOUT **YOUR** VALUES, INSIGHTS, STORIES AND EXPERIENCES?

IF YOU HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE
PEOPLE YOU LOVE RECEIVING YOUR
MONEY OR YOUR VALUES, INSIGHTS,
STORIES AND EXPERIENCE.....

WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

PROPER PLANNING IS THE **ONLY** WAY TO
MAKE GIFTS TO YOUR CHURCH, SCHOOL
OR ORGANIZATION.



THINKING.....
How much does this
cost?



Regular Cost of the
Family Wealth Planning
Session is \$750

Our Planning Fees
Range Between \$2,000
to \$8,000 on average

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AND, You'll ONLY
Choose a Fee That's
MORE Affordable Than
Doing NOTHING ...





CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Taking Action: Practical Next Steps

- Pray for wisdom, involve spiritual advisors if needed.
- Talk with family—open, honest conversations prevent surprises and disputes.
- Work with Christian-minded legal counsel to create a plan that fits your values.
- “The time to plan is now”—don’t wait for perfect circumstances

RESOURCES:



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