

Living Legacies



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- ▶ Our Hope
- ▶ Getting your affairs in order
- ▶ Church resources

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▶ Our Future

- ▶ Our physical death will occur
- ▶ We also experience death to the power of sin and our new resurrected life as believers in Christ
- ▶ Our beliefs hold that physical death is not the ultimate word

▶ **Heidelberg Catechism**

- ▶ Q.1. What is your only comfort in life and death?
- ▶ A. That I belong – body and soul, in life and death- not to myself but to my faithful Savior , Jesus Christ... Therefore by his Holy Spirit , he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

▶ **Brief Statement of Faith**

- ▶ In life and in death we belong to God.

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- ▶ And this is what he promised us, eternal life (1 John 2:25)
 - ▶ We receive new resurrection bodies
 - ▶ New spiritual bodies
 - ▶ Capable of enjoying the glories of eternal life.
- ▶ Christ rose again that he might have us as companions in the life to come. (Calvin, Institutes)

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▶ Future Vision

- ▶ The magnificence of the “new heaven and the new earth” is our ultimate comfort and joy.
- ▶ Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. (Rev 21: 4)
- ▶ Eternity will be spent in the everlasting praise of God.

Two Key Questions

If I am unable to act for myself, who do I want making decisions for me?

What information does that person need to carry out my wishes effectively

National Institute on Aging (NIA)

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/getting-your-affairs-order>

Ben's Story

Ben has been married for 47 years. He always managed the family's money. But since his stroke, Ben is not able to walk or talk. His wife, Shirley, feels overwhelmed. Of course, she's worried about Ben's health. But, on top of that, she has no idea what bills should be paid or when they are due.

Anna's Story

Across town, 80-year-old Anna lives alone. One night, she fell in the kitchen and broke her hip. She spent a week in the hospital and 2 months in a rehabilitation nursing home. Even though her son lives across the country, he was able to pay her bills and handle her Medicare questions right away. That's because, several years ago, Anna and her son made a plan about what he should do in case Anna had a medical emergency.

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(from NIA site)

Personal Records:

- ▶ Full legal name
- ▶ Social Security number
- ▶ Legal residence
- ▶ Date and place of birth
- ▶ Names and addresses of spouse and children
- ▶ Location of birth and death certificates and certificates of marriage, divorce, citizenship, and adoption
- ▶ Employers and dates of employment
- ▶ Education and military records
- ▶ Names and phone numbers of religious contacts
- ▶ Memberships in groups and awards received
- ▶ Names and phone numbers of close friends, relatives, doctors, lawyers, and financial advisors
- ▶ Medications taken regularly (be sure to update this regularly)
- ▶ Location of living will and other legal documents

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Financial Records

- ▶ Sources of income and assets (pension from your employer, IRAs, 401(k)s, interest, etc.)
- ▶ [Social Security](#) and Medicare/[Medicaid](#) information
- ▶ Insurance information (life, health, long-term care, home, car) with policy numbers and agents' names and phone numbers
- ▶ Names of your banks and account numbers (checking, savings, credit union)
- ▶ Investment income (stocks, bonds, property) and stockbrokers' names and phone numbers
- ▶ Copy of most recent income tax return
- ▶ Location of most up-to-date will with an original signature
- ▶ Liabilities, including property tax— what is owed, to whom, and when payments are due
- ▶ Mortgages and debts—how and when they are paid
- ▶ Location of original deed of trust for home
- ▶ Car title and registration
- ▶ Credit and debit card names and numbers
- ▶ Location of safe deposit box and key