

## **Taking Responsibility as a Good Steward**

If you have ever been in a situation where a loved one has died and did not make any plans for the distribution of their assets, you can certainly appreciate the value of taking the time to make an estate plan. It can be difficult guessing who should receive remaining assets. Did they want to leave a gift to their church and perhaps the humane society where they volunteered, and where did they keep their insurance policy? This only hints at the decisions to be made - decisions that could have been made in advance.

For Christians, there is an added dimension to estate planning – recognizing God as the owner of all assets places us in a responsible position as a steward. It is important that we use our God given assets to their fullest potential during our lifetimes for ourselves, our families, our businesses and for His glory. As a steward, we must also arrange for the most efficient and effective transfer of the assets at death to individuals or charities in a manner that reflects our faith and our values.

For the sake of your loved ones, take the time to think about your present plans and meet with a legal adviser to help create or adjust your plans to reflect your response as a steward of God's gifts to you.

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