

Are you
exercising your
WILL POWER?

You can find
peace in knowing
that everything's
taken care of
before it's
too late!

Consider a Living Charitable Remainder Trust

While you are revising your Will, or preparing one for the first time, consider the advantages of establishing a living charitable remainder trust that will give you:

1. More spendable income NOW
2. Current charitable income tax reductions NOW
3. Reduction of all the capital gain tax now, if long term appreciated assets are sold through charitable trust
4. Reduction or elimination for future estate taxes
5. Reduction of future administrative costs

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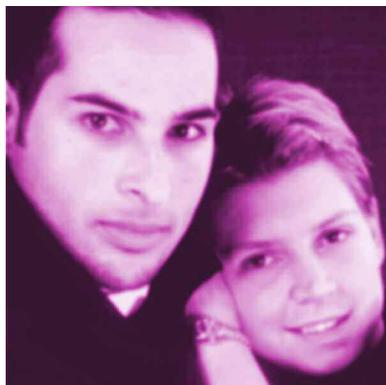


A Christian's
Guide to
Maximum
WILL POWER

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The use of a properly drawn will enables Christians to provide for their family's needs and their charitable interests with one document. Your will is the most flexible way to put your values and wishes into actions.

Yet, as important as a Christian's will is, most United Methodists die with no will. It's sad but true that nearly 80% of our brothers and sisters in the church rely on the laws of the state to distribute all their possessions, provide guardians for their children, and (in effect) to deny all their charitable interests.



By using your Will Power, however, you can decide how these matters ought to be settled. You will find peace and a great deal of satisfaction when you make a proper will.

Will Power is Good Stewardship

A Will is the only way to convey your personal wishes for distributing your property to those you love.

A Will permits you to select a personal representative in whom you have confidence.

A Will may reduce or eliminate estate and inheritance taxes through careful planning and use of charitable trusts and bequests.

A Will can incorporate trusts for those you love or for the charity you desire to support.

A Will permits you to select your own trustee or organization experienced in handling money and legally qualified to do so.

The State Will

Your state has laws that define how assets are to be distributed when a resident of that state dies without leaving a Will. The state laws also provide for the appointment by the probate court of an administrator of an estate, the appointment of guardians for surviving minor children, posting of bond by court-appointed administrators or guardians, and many other provisions which come into force in the absence of a Will. Estate administration costs in such cases are generally higher than would be the case if the same individual died leaving a valid Will.

"If you don't have a will, please get one... for the sake of those you love."

You Have a Will — by Design or Default

Seven out of eight Americans die without preparing a will. As unbelievable as it is, each week over \$150 million of personal assets pile up in probate courts — left by people who die without a valid will. *IF YOU HAVE NOT PREPARED A VALID WILL PRIOR TO YOUR DEATH, YOU FORCE THE STATE TO DISTRIBUTE YOUR ASSETS AND IMPOSE STATE REGULATIONS ON YOUR DEPENDENTS.*

As well-intentioned as the state may be in developing laws pertaining to the distribution of assets upon death, without a valid will it is likely that your loved ones may not receive what you intended for them. The only way to ensure that your wishes will be carried out is by exercising your Will Power.

Make Sure Your Will is Legal

Everyone who has a Will should review it with assistance or their attorney to make sure of several important factors:

1. It complies with the new tax law
2. It reflects changes in the assets of your estate
3. It indicates changes in your family due to births, marriage, divorce, or death
4. It shows changes in your charitable interest