

Blessing Hurt Pentecostal Holiness Church

We have reached what the Bible calls “the last days.” The amount of time remaining to complete God’s Work is short. The number of people still interested in continuing this Work is small. Therefore, the needs of the Work of God around the world have never been greater. Literally, never have so few done so much with so little for so many. You can help change this.

Almost 3,000 years ago, King Solomon was disturbed over “estate planning” issues. Solomon had wealth beyond anything known in the ancient world. In his wisdom, he recognized that, when he died, he would have to leave all that wealth behind: “Yes, I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me” Ecclesiastes 2:18. Unlike Solomon, you need not hate all your labor when you think about what will happen to your property after you die. With proper planning, you can decide how your belongings are distributed.

What is an Estate?

Your estate consists of everything that you own at the time of your death, and your share of any property that you own jointly with someone else. Thus, your estate includes your house, cars, furniture, clothing, bank accounts, investment accounts and your half of any joint bank accounts you own with someone else. Your estate also includes any money or other items that you receive as a gift or inheritance while you are alive. Insurance benefits paid at your death may also be included in your estate. Typically, those benefits or proceeds are paid directly to the people who are named as beneficiaries in the insurance policy.



Can Anybody Make a Will?

Any adult who is mentally “competent” can make a Will. Basically, to be competent, you have to understand what you are doing and understand the consequences of doing it. You are considered to be the “maker” of your Will, even though the actual document maybe drafted and prepared by an attorney. A person who makes a Will is known as the Testator (man) or Testatrix (woman).

What Are the Requirements to Make a Will?

For all legal questions you should contact an attorney. As a general rule, a Will must be in writing. It must identify the Testator, the beneficiaries (the people that the Testator wants the property to go to) and the property. This does not mean that you have to list every item you own in your Will. The Will should be signed in front of several adult witnesses and notarized. Again, you should seek the advice of a competent attorney concerning these issues! A poorly drafted Will can result in expensive lawsuits. Further, your property may not end up going to the intended beneficiaries. There are also potential tax ramifications involved. Many people would be better off having no Will at all than having one that is poorly drafted. If you choose to provide for Hurt Pentecostal Holiness Church in your Will, Codicil or Trust, or through any other estate planning mechanism, please feel free to notify us in the event that we can be of assistance. We would also like to recognize your commitment to God’s Work by sending you an acknowledgment of appreciation.

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Leave A Legacy



Are you interested in continuing to support God’s Work after your death? This brochure explains what you can do to help continue God’s work at Hurt Pentecostal Holiness Church after your death. You will be surprised at how simple it can be! Even after you are gone to be with the Lord in heaven your legacy of faithfulness can live on as a lasting testimony and serve as an example for others to follow in your steps as you followed Jesus’.



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The Reality

It may have started the first time we took a deep breath and blew out the candles; or perhaps it was as we gazed upon a lone star in a dark sky. We would quietly make a wish, and take care to tell no one, in hopes that the wish would come true. Whenever it began, the practice of keeping our most personal hopes and dreams to ourselves is a tradition which can be a hindrance when it comes to the final communication with friends and loved ones. Your final communication related to the matters of your estate is no time to keep your wishes to yourself! This is where hopes and dreams can become reality.

Many - often the young, or those who feel that their estate is too small - believe that a Will represents an unnecessary expense. But the preparation of a Will need not be expensive. And even when property distribution issues are not numerous, the Will is the legal avenue through which a number of other issues should be addressed:

- Naming an executor
- Avoiding expense of a bond
- Naming a legal guardian for minors
- Reducing estate tax liability
- Making gifts to loved ones and your church

In the absence of a Will, the State of Virginia will resort to a formula. A judge will name an executor; bond may have to be posted; the court will name a guardian; and a formula will determine asset distribution.

The Bequest

The charitable bequest affords a way for virtually anyone to express specific philanthropic wishes. In fact, the bequest is the most frequently utilized method of support of charity in America.

A bequest may take on a number of forms, including:

- A specific dollar amount
- A percentage of the estate's residual value
- A specific asset

The philanthropic spirit is given a voice when wishes are expressed in the Will. While many may think philanthropy is reserved for a few, the truth is that every bequest to Hurt Pentecostal Holiness Church makes a mark that will last throughout history.

When Should You Make a Will?

No one knows when he or she will die, but we do know that "[Man's] days are determined, the number of his months are with [God], [He has] appointed [man's] bounds that he cannot pass" (Job 14:5). The Psalmist spoke for each of us when he said, "Your eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in Your book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them" (Psalm 139:16). Despite all of our plans and schedules, God determines how long we will live. Since we do not know when we will die, we must be prepared, because it could be any day. Thus, it is never too soon to make your Will.

Christian Stewardship and The Great Commission

God Himself has told us that everything belongs to Him: "The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). We are stewards of all that God has given to us, and we must be good "stewards" of God's gifts (1 Corinthians 4:2). As good stewards, we must seek God's will in deciding what we do with His gifts. We know that God accomplishes His purpose through those who seek to do His will, and that He has "has put in [our] hearts to fulfill His will" (Revelation 17:17).

It is God's purpose that the good news of the kingdom of God be preached to all nations. The apostle Paul summarized the gospel in his first letter to the Corinthians, saying, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you have received, and wherein you stand; By which also you are saved, if you keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:1-2). This gospel message must be preached: "And He said unto them, Go you into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14). This is indeed the "great commission" given to all followers of Christ. God further commands us, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust does corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

By leaving part of your estate to the ongoing Work of God's Church, you can continue to fulfill God's purpose even after your death! Your Last Will and Testament can stand as a final act of good stewardship and be a lasting legacy.