Ethical Will Worksheet

The following may assist you in drafting an Ethical Will. The purpose of these question is to help you identify values, spiritual and religious beliefs, personal testimony, encouragement, hopes and desires for your family, work ethic, desires for family unity, and guidance and wisdom learned over the course of your lifetimes that you wish to share with your family and friends. You can also use this opportunity to express the pattern of stewardship, giving and service you have developed during your lifetime.

1. What are the virtues you most value in life?

2. Why did you choose your profession/career? For a spouse that stayed home with children, why did you choose to stay home?

3. What is the most important character trait, value or lesson you learned from your parents or grandparents?

4. What church, house of worship, religious organization, educational institution, or charitable organization has been the object of your giving and why?

5. How would you instruct your family and friends to avoid regrets?

6. What do you want your family to know about your religious faith?

7. What instances can you recall when your faith meant the most to you?

8. If there was a particularly challenging time in your life or for your family that may still be unresolved, what final thoughts would you want your family to know?

9. What character traits were most important and meaningful to you?

10. What principles did you follow in conducting your business affairs?

11. If you were to die today, what would you want your family and friends to know?