

Have you drawn up a will?
Why or why not?

“What Do You Say to God!?”

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in a way that is holy and honorable,

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who do not know God;

⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.

The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before.

⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

⁸ Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

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PERSONAL GREETING

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HOW GOD CAN HELP US

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.

WHAT IS A DONE DEAL ALREADY!

for yours is the kingdom

and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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ANGELS

Mary in Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ ... God sent the angel Gabriel
to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,
²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married
to a man named Joseph,
a descendant of David.
The virgin's name was Mary.

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DREAMS

Joseph in Matthew 1:20-24

²⁰ ... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

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VISIONS

Paul, of a man saying “Macedonia”

Acts 16:9-10

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.



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James advises in James 1:5

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom,
you should ask God,
who gives generously to all without
finding fault, and it will be given to you.

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**Epaphras' prayer acc. to Paul in
Colossians 4:12**

¹² Epaphras, who is one of you
and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings.
He is always wrestling in prayer for you,
that you may stand firm in all the will of God,
mature and fully assured.

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Church leaders in Antioch in Acts 13:1-3

¹ Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul.

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

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**Jesus in the Olive Garden x3 in
Matthew 26:36-44**

³⁹ ... he fell with his face to the ground
and prayed,

“My Father, if it is possible,
may this cup be taken from me.
Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

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Gideon in Judges 6:36-40

³⁶ Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised—

³⁷ look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor.

If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.”

³⁸ And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.

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Gideon in Judges 6:36-40 (continued)

³⁹ Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew.”

⁴⁰ That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.

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Galatians 5:16-25

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

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Galatians 5:16-25 (continued)

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious:

sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;
²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord,
jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition,
dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy;
drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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Galatians 5:16-25 (continued)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and
self-control.

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step
with the Spirit.



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