



# Legacy Letters





If you had time to write just one letter to family and friends....

...what would you say?

# What is “Legacy letter”?

A legacy letter is something separate from your will. It **costs nothing**, but it can be a priceless gift for family and friends, intended to:

- Affirm your **faith**
- State your **values**
- Tell your **stories**
- Impart your **wisdom**
- Count your **blessings**

Since a legacy letter is not a legal document, it can be in any form you choose, from a video “face-to-face” message to a handwritten letter of love.

# Why should I write a Legacy Letter?



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Preserving your wisdom and your love establishes a link in the chain of generations, passing on a **legacy** for those of tomorrow's world.

Your Legacy Letter will be a roadmap leading your family to **better decisions** and more fulfilling uses of their time and assets.

And if your estate plan includes charitable giving, explaining why particular causes were important to you could inspire a **continuing tradition** of giving in your family that does good for generations.

# Ideas to get started

- **One thing I've learned from my faith is...**
- **One thing I learned from my parents is...**
- **A dumb mistake I once made was \_\_\_ and it taught me...**
- **When I think back on (childhood / dating / marriage / career), what I remember most is...**
- **One thing I'm most grateful for is...**
- **One thing I regret is...**

# Ideas to get started

- **One thing I'm proud of is...**
- **What's given me the greatest joy in life is...**
- **I would want a great-great-grandchild I'll never meet to know this about me...**
- **My favorite Bible passage is...**
- **My favorite saying is...**
- **Looking back on it all, the best advice I could give is...**

# Legacy Letter Example

Dear beloved family,

If you're reading this letter, I hope you're not doing so with sadness as much as you are with joy. If I leave any typos or grammatical errors or overuse commas, quite frankly I don't want to hear it. Just kidding. Feel free to call a meeting and let me know how I can improve. You'll know where to find me.

I love all of you so much. Though I won't be able to be there for all of the birthdays, graduations, holidays, Tuesdays, and weddings (wink wink) as I'd like, I hope this letter and the attached personalized letters will close some of the space you may feel between us. But don't forget to look up. I'm up there. Somewhere. I don't know, I may be over Southern France on that given day, but I'll try to check my schedule often and fly over when you need me.

A few quick things for everybody to remember:

Even your worst day can get better. Remember how I met your mother? I wrecked my favorite car and my leg. But that wreck brought me your mother, and it brought me you all.

Love even your enemies. It's hard, I know, but if they've got anything bad coming to them, it'll come. You don't have to lose your morals or yourself to bring their downfall. They'll bring it upon themselves.

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# Legacy Letter Example (cont.)



Always be honest. With yourselves, with your loved ones. Life is very long, but it's also too short to be dishonest. The truth will always come out, but in between the lies and truth is discomfort and a lot of bad energy you don't need — and that can follow you around for years and years.

Exercise a lot and often. But eat plenty of dessert, too. I made it this far living like that, and I don't regret any sweets I ever ate. I also don't regret any time I pushed myself in my workouts, either. I expect to see at least one of you in the Olympics in the coming years (or at least go pro). Don't let me down.

Thank people and be kind. Go out of your way. Thank your waiter or waitress, thank the mailman, thank each other. Do not live life ungratefully. It'll get really old, really fast. Thank people even for no reason at all, just that they're alive and in your life. It'll probably make you feel even better than them.

Tell people you love them more often than you think you should.

In the attached package, you'll find letters for each of you. I hope what I've provided won't leave you disappointed. You know I'll be around to talk to if you have any issues. Like I said, call a meeting for any complaints.

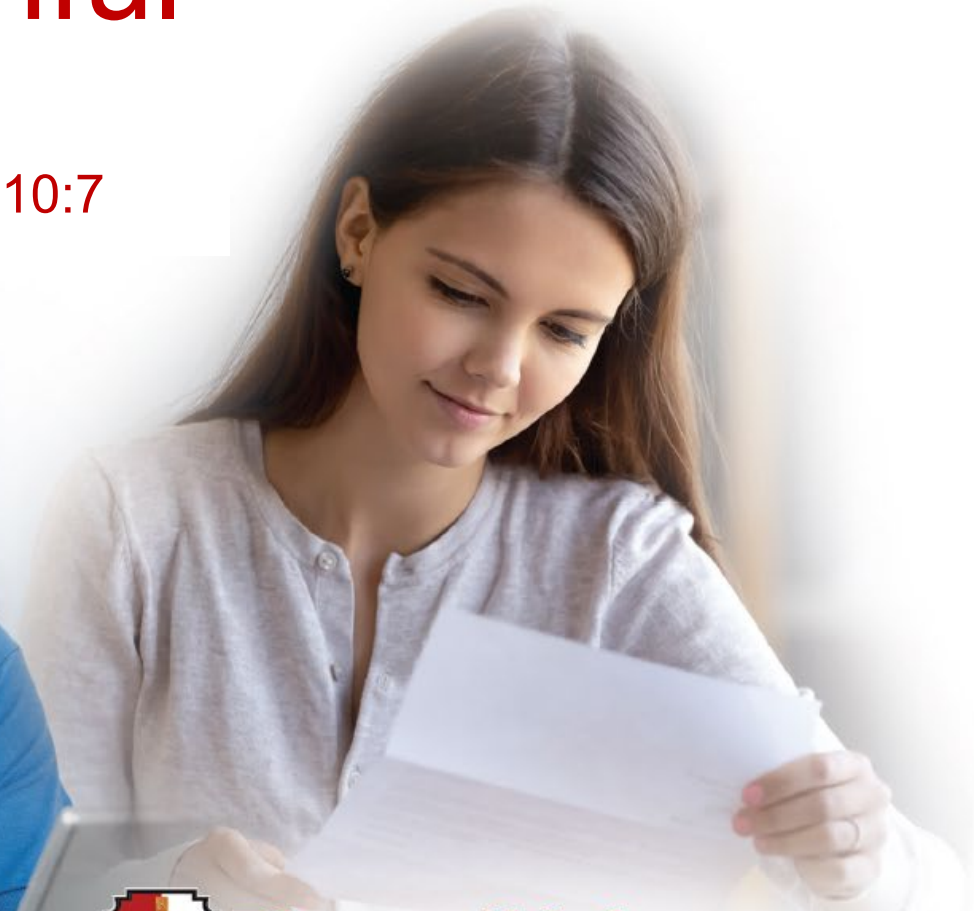
Love you forever,

Dad/Grandpa/That Weird Old Guy Who Ate All the Food



# Memories of the faithful are a blessing.

Proverbs 10:7



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