

ESTATE PLANNING STARTER GUIDE

Building for the Next 100 Years!



Introduction

Estate Planning is one of the most powerful but also one of the most under-utilized methods of exponential impact in the Kingdom of God.

Untapped Potential:

- **According to researchers, 60-65% of people across the country and in our churches don't have an estate plan.**
- **Of the 35% or so who do, only 9% include charitable gifts.**
- **Only 4% of these charitable gifts are to faith-based organizations.**

Eagles' Wings has developed a strategy to resource our financial partners by linking with Financial Planning Ministry (FPM). This opportunity will help many families to establish or reinforce their personal estate plan – and in so doing to build a legacy of strengthening Israel and advancing God's Kingdom, to endure into the next century and beyond.

What is an Estate Plan?

More than just a will, an Estate Plan is a comprehensive strategy for the future that involves planning for health, stewardship, and guardianship and growth of your loved ones and God-given resources.

Legacy Gifts via an estate plan can be given in a variety of ways: specified cash amounts, physical property or assets, life insurance dividends, stock holdings, retirement plans, charitable gift annuities, and more.

Here are some common pieces of an Estate Plan that may benefit you in your own planning and consideration:

Will: a written document containing the legal representation of your wishes concerning your assets and the care of minors in your custody

Living Will: an advance medical directive that takes effect before your death, regarding decisions for your healthcare at end of life, in the event that you are incapacitated

Living Trust: a lifetime and after-death solution for the confidential management and dispensation of your property, assets, and guardianship of your children

Probate: the legal distribution of your estate funds by a court, which may not always be required to honor the intentions of your will

Executor: the individual who executes the dispensation of your will after you have passed away

Power of Attorney: a legally binding document by which you can appoint another person to manage your property, your medical care, or your financial assets on your behalf

Health Care Proxy: a document that legally designates a health care power of attorney, or another person to make medical decisions on your behalf regarding your health care in the event that you are unable to do so yourself

Successor Trustee: the person who succeeds you as the steward of your trust that you have established to hold your financial assets



Vision & Mission

For nearly 3 decades, Eagles' Wings has been at the forefront of uniting the body of Christ, training leaders to make an impact in their cities and regions, and mobilizing support for Israel from Christians around the world.

What began as a vision to connect Jerusalem with the East Coast of the U.S. has become a multi-dimensional ministry movement that has changed millions of lives worldwide.

Now, together, we are planning for maximum impact for the next 100 years and beyond. The Hechler Legacy Society will establish a perpetual giving fund to sustain and increase the ministries of Eagles' Wings for generations to come.

Hechler Legacy Society & Benefits

The Hechler Legacy Society is a new and exclusive opportunity for our ministry partners, to impact future generations through the ongoing ministry initiatives of Eagles' Wings in Israel and the nations of the world.

Rev. William Henry Hechler was a prophetic pastor, teacher, and intercessor who lived in Europe in the late 1800s. He became the best friend of Theodor Herzl and championed Herzl's call to re-establish Israel as the Jewish homeland. In many ways, Hechler was the first Christian Zionist of the modern era. Historians say that if it were not for his involvement, the dream of the State of Israel might have never been. Now we have an opportunity to further this legacy of support for Israel through the ministry efforts of Eagles' Wings.

Benefits to being part of the Hechler Legacy Society include:

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- The opportunity to establish your own personal estate plan free of charge
- Security for your family's future through your will or trust
- Complete confidentiality of all information shared with Financial Planning Ministry for purposes of setting up your estate plan
- Exclusive Eagles' Wings ministry updates for Hechler Legacy Society members
- Invitations to special events for Legacy Society members
- The satisfaction of being able to wisely invest your resources into the things that you value most
- Multiplied impact in Israel and the nations through your legacy giving to God's Kingdom



Next Steps:

- An Eagles' Wings stewardship department representative will call you to assist in getting you started and answer any initial questions you may have.
- We will help you set up your own personalized and confidential estate planning session with a Financial Planning Ministry (FPM) professional.
- Begin assembling a summary of your accounts and major assets - cash, investments, properties, and other goods - so that you are ready to review with your estate planning representative.
- Pray and consider which entities (family members, organizations, foundations, etc.) you would like to include in your estate plan.
- If you already have an estate plan in place, assemble all of these documents as well, in preparation for your private consultation.
- Let us know you have included Eagles' Wings Ministries in your estate plan, to become a charter member of the Hechler Legacy Society



Key Questions to consider in preparation for your private consultation

- Am I interested in a living will or a trust for my estate plan?
- What individuals and/or organizational beneficiaries would I like to include in my estate plan?
- Is avoiding probate (legal distribution of my estate funds by a court) a priority for me?
- If I have a Trust, whom will I name as a Successor Trustee in the event that I pass away?
- If I have a Will, whom will I name as Executor and Alternate Executor of my estate?
- If I have minor children, whom will I name as Guardian and Alternate Guardian?
- Do I know whom I will name as my Power of Attorney for Healthcare, and Alternate POA?
- Do I wish to create a Power of Attorney for finances? Who will be the Alternate POA?
- Do I have available the property deeds for the homes and other properties that I own?
- Do I have available and secure all the necessary login credentials for accessing my bank accounts and other assets?

For more information on these and other commonly asked questions, visit: fpm.org/member-faq.

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