

Legacy Letter Template

(Also called an "ethical will")

Dear [Name / My Children / My Family],

As I reflect on my life, I wanted to share something more meaningful than money or possessions. What I leave behind is not just what's in my will — it's in the stories, values, and lessons I hope stay with you long after I'm gone.

What Matters Most to Me

I believe in [e.g., hard work, kindness, integrity, generosity, resilience, lifelong learning]. These values have guided my life, shaped my decisions, and helped me through both joyful and difficult times.

What I Learned About Money

Money is a tool — nothing more, nothing less. It can create opportunity, provide security, and help others. But it can also cause stress, distraction, or disconnection if you let it control you.

Here's what I've learned:

- [Example: "Always live below your means."]
- [Example: "Never let money define your self-worth."]
- [Example: "Save for the future, but spend joyfully on what matters now."]

What I Hope You Remember

I hope you remember that your character is more important than your bank account. That giving is as powerful as earning. That love, health, and purpose are your real wealth.

About the Wealth I'm Leaving You

If you're receiving money or assets from me, I want you to know:

- I leave it to you not as a reward, but as a resource — to help you build a life filled with meaning, freedom, and service to others.
- Use it wisely. Share it generously. Protect it thoughtfully. Grow it humbly.

Final Thoughts

You don't have to be perfect. Just stay curious, stay grounded, and take care of each other.

My legacy isn't in dollars — it's in who you become.

With all my love,

[Your Name]

[Date]