



Legacy Letter

HOW TO WRITE YOUR MOST MEANINGFUL LETTER

A **Legacy Letter** is a simple sharing of your heart and wisdom with those who will come after you; a personal message to heirs and loved ones that relays your values, life lessons, hopes, dreams, and love.

When it comes to Legacy Planning, this letter can be the most valuable treasure you will ever share.

It's time to get started!



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1. Start with a Greeting

Begin with a warm hello to your loved ones. You can write to your children, grandchildren, close friends, or anyone special. Preferably, address the various parties by name.

"Dear Emily and Jack," or "To my beloved family,"

2. Express Your Love and Gratitude

Share your deep feelings—what you love about each individual, and what they've meant to you. Recall specific traits about each. Let them know how much they matter to you.

"I am so proud of the person you've become..."

"Thank you for filling my life with joy..."

"I have always appreciated the way that you..."

3. Share Some Life Lessons

Think of many key lessons you've learned in life. Remember, *only* you have these insights. What do you advise them to remember when they face hard times? What values guided you through life? What do you wish you had understood about life earlier in your journey?

"I learned that charity always wins in the end..."

"Never be afraid to start over..."

"Our family heritage is so important..."

4. Tell a Few Stories

Include a few specific, personal memories—moments that shaped who you are, or that meant something special between you and them.

"I'll never forget the trip we took to..."

"I remember so clearly the time that..."

5. Offer Hopes and Blessings

End with your hopes for their future, and a heartfelt blessing for their path ahead. Point them to something enduring and uplifting.

"I hope you always keep that determination, and never stop trying..."

"May your days always be filled with love and light..."

"Remember that virtue has its reward in eternity..."



- Write from the heart, not for perfection.
- Short or long—the length is up to you.
- Even if typed, handwrite a note or portion.
- You can update your letter with time.
- Make it count! This letter will be a treasure.