

Biblical Estate Planning

Ten Steps for Ordering the House

Estate	Step	Scripture
Spiritual	1. Introspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. (20:1)</i> • <i>Put your house in order, because you are going to die. (20:1)</i>
	2. Values/Priorities Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Remember, Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes. (20:3)</i>
	3. Reaction/Refinement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord. (20:2)</i> • <i>Hezekiah wept bitterly. (20:3)</i>
Physical	4. Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. (20:5)</i> • <i>The Lord made the shadow go back ten steps on the sundial of Ahaz. (20:11)</i> • <i>I will add fifteen years to your life. (20:6)</i>
	5. Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. (20:6)</i> • <i>I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David. (20:6)</i>
	6. Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>God gave Hezekiah great riches and honor. (2 Chron. 32:28)</i> • <i>He built villages and acquired great numbers of flocks and herds. (2 Chron. 32:29)</i>
Economic	7. Stewardship of Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hezekiah made treasuries for his silver, gold, precious stones, spices, shields and all kinds of valuables. (2 Chron. 32:28)</i> • <i>He also made buildings to store the harvest of grain, new wine and olive oil; stalls for various kinds of cattle; and pens for the flocks. (2 Chron. 32:29)</i> • <i>Hezekiah received envoys and showed them all that was in his storehouses, his armory and everything found among his treasures. (20:13)</i> • <i>There was nothing that Hezekiah did not show them. (20:13)</i>
	8. Division of Social Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your predecessors have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. (20:17)</i> • <i>Nothing will be left of your wealth, says the Lord. (20:17)</i> • <i>And some of your descendants will be taken away and become servants in the palace of the king of Babylon. (20:18)</i>
	9. Philanthropic Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Will there not be peace and security in my lifetime?” (20:19)</i>
	10. Legacy of Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Hezekiah succeeded in everything he undertook. (2 Chron. 32:30)</i> • <i>He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. (2 Kings 18:5)</i> • <i>He blocked the upper outlet of the Gihon spring and channeled the water down to the west side of the City of David. (2 Chron. 32:30)</i> • <i>He rested with his ancestors and was buried on the hill where the tombs of David’s descendants are. All of Judah and the people of Jerusalem honored him when he died. (2 Chron. 32:33)</i> • <i>Manasseh his son succeeded Hezekiah as king. (2 Chron. 32:33)</i> • <i>Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord. (2 Chron. 33:1-2)</i>