

WHO WILL CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN?

6 Considerations for Naming a Guardian

No one could possibly care for your children like you. Reality is, you will never find the perfect fit to take your place.

However, it's crucial you choose a trustworthy guardian to provide for your children's long-term spiritual, emotional and physical needs in the unlikely event you can't.

As you move through the process of identifying and appointing a legal guardian, here are some questions about potential candidates to guide your thoughts and conversations.

- Do they share your Christian faith? Do their decisions and behaviors reflect an authentic commitment to living a Christ-centered life?
- If married, are they in a mature, God-honoring relationship?
- Do they foster an atmosphere within their home where your child(ren) will thrive?
- Will they keep relationships with other family members (such as grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins) a priority?
- Do they have the time and energy to care for the age-appropriate needs of your child(ren)?
- Are they committed to the responsibility of raising your child(ren) to adulthood?



All in the Family?

While many people choose to select a guardian from their immediate family, others select a close friend who is a better fit because of their values, lifestyle or circumstances.

The most important thing is to choose someone – regardless of their relation to you – who will provide your child(ren) a safe, healthy, faith-filled environment where they can grow into their full, God-given potential.

MAKING THE DECISION

You've selected a guardian for your minor children. Now what?

Step 1. Talk it over. Get your chosen guardian's approval before making it official.

Step 2. Document your decision. Contact an attorney to write the necessary documents.

Step 3. Make it known. Tell your loved ones about the decision you've made, and where to find a copy of your plans.