

*Planning ahead is part of stewardship.
Is God's will reflected in your will?*

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*Parables of
gifts and good
intentions.*

Planning is for everyone. At a meeting of the Planned Giving Stewardship Committee, we pondered how many parishioners actually had wills. "It's important for young parents to have a will, but they're so focused on their kids they don't know where or how to start." Another said, "A lot of folks are of an age when they can think about what they might leave to their children." "Or that they might need to generate income in their late retirement." ". . . to say nothing of leaving a gift to St. James." A fifth said, "Some folks already have wills, in the church office, but I sense they're out of date."

We all hear of stories on the serious consequences of not having a will, or on having a will that's out of date, as well as our feeling a natural resistance to think about death. We wondered how we might help.

Well there's some free help in the church office with The Episcopal Church Foundation's *Planning for the End of Life* booklet. It shows you how to get started in an up-to-date, step-by-step manner, which makes will and estate planning simple. A copy is waiting for you, or you may go online to www.episcopal.foundation.org and do a keyword search on 'planned giving booklets.'

Planning is for everyone no matter what you have or what you've earned.