

HOW TO EARN A “NOBLE” PRIZE



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A man is driving down a country road when he spots a farmer standing in the middle of a huge field. He pulls over to the side of the road and notices that the farmer is just standing there staring blankly. The man gets out of his car, walks all the way out to the farmer and says, "Excuse me sir, but what are you doing?" The farmer replies, "I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize." "How?" asks the man, puzzled. "Well, I heard they give the Nobel Prize to people who are out standing in their field."

While the farmer had technically *heard* correctly, we know that it takes much more to win a Nobel Prize than simply standing in a field! An individual must demonstrate great cultural or scientific advances to receive such an honor. The things these heroes accomplish throughout their lives and the difference they make are what count. The same is true about leaving a legacy for those you love.

Many hardworking individuals save their whole lives so they can leave something *valuable* for their children. This is **noble** and right to do. But how much sweeter would it be to *also* leave your *values* for the next generation as well? Here are two simple (but powerful) ways you can do just that:

- **Write letters to your loved ones.** This is a great way to communicate what is near and dear to your heart – them! You can share wisdom for life, healing words, encouragement or even something you may have had difficulty saying during your lifetime but wanted to.
- **Include a ministry you love like Rockford Rescue Mission in your Will.** This communicates that you value the Lord's work and the lives that will be reached through the ministry. It could even inspire your loved ones to get involved.

In "Living Life to Leave a Legacy," Emile Wolfaardt said "A reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; Legacy is what your children will live with for the rest of their lives." And he's right. By making sure that your life is punctuated with a statement about what matters most to you, you can ensure that the legacy you leave behind is one with eternal focus that will impact lives for years to come.

Psalm 78:4 includes a great reminder of what should drive the messages we choose to pass on... "We're not keeping this to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation – God's fame and fortune, the marvelous things He has done." (The MSG)

Will the legacy you leave behind say something truly "noble"?

PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION IN YOUR WILL

- I'd like to learn more about updating my Estate Plan.
- I have already included Rockford Rescue Mission in my Will, Trust, or Estate Plan.



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