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Before Christ came into my life, I only knew about heartache, anger, and loss. It was me against the world, and I was going to get them first. I trusted no one, especially God. I blamed Him for most of the bad things in my life. It wasn't God's fault, but I needed someone to blame besides myself.

I created a lot of the drama in my life, and what I didn't create would be waiting for me in the world to discourage me. When I came to Christ, I realized that there is nothing for me in this world that can't be taken away, just as quickly as it is given.

When God gives you something {like salvation}, you keep it forever. He doesn't take back His promises like the world tends to do. I have peace now because God gave it to me, through His Son Jesus. Because of this new life, He gave me, I have my family in my life again.

I believed I would never see them again, but God, once again, showed me His amazing Grace. Because of God's love for me I have a life with Him that I am happy to be in. I wasn't happy before because I wouldn't let Christ in. I wouldn't let anyone in. It doesn't matter how bad you think you are, or how many bad things you think you have done, Christ died for us all and through Him we are saved. Only the kingdom waits for us now, and that means, amazing, eternal treasures. Accept Christ as your Savior and experience a peace you have never experienced before. Accept Him and experience a love you cannot describe.

1 Timothy 1:12-17: *"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."*

Only A Eighth Grade Education?

Remember when grandparents & great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the **8th grade** in 1895?

This is a small taste of the 8th grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas, USA. The actual test is a 5-hour test.

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS - 1895

Grammar

1. Give 9 rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech & define those that have no modifications.

Arithmetic

1. Name & define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long & 3 ft. Wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?

U.S. History

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.

Orthography

[Do we even know what this is??]

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet,

Phonetic, orthography, etymology & syllabication?

2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following & give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters & linguals.



Geography

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the Ocean?

This Gives the saying "He only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?! Also shows you how poor our education system has become! I don't have all of these answers and I'm a college graduate!

Straight Talk About Wills

If you die without a will or other such document, the state will decide how to disburse your estate. And if you have minor children, the state will decide who will raise them. If you want to leave certain assets to specific persons or make charitable gifts to various causes, without a will, the state will follow its own agenda and disregard yours. This is called "intestate succession." The law will treat all your property the same. There are no special provisions for heirlooms, jewelry, or the family business. If your legal heirs do not agree among themselves to a specific division of your property, it may be necessary to sell property to achieve the distribution of value required by law.

If you are married but do not leave a valid will, your spouse will inherit all of your property unless you have children from a previous marriage. If you have a child or children from a previous marriage, one-half of your property will go to your spouse and one-half to your child or children, subject to provisions for homestead allowance, family allowance and exempt property.

If you do not name a guardian in your will or in a separate document and if there is no surviving parent, the court will appoint a guardian for your minor children. This may not be the person you or your spouse would have wished.

Utah has their own written policies for distributing estates. So much will go here and so much there – persons and places you may not want to provide for. The state will assign someone to oversee the probating of your estate. It will all be done “by the book.” No special gifts to Salt Lake City Mission or other causes you would want to honor. No special gifts to people outside your family. No concern for your thoughts and desires.

In effect, the state says, “You did not create a will while you were living and now it’s too late. We will take over and make our own fair and just decisions.”

Just imagine the difficulties this may cause for your family or friends. Imagine this added expense for an additional layer of oversight. Imagine people you never knew making decisions about your most personal items.

There are many reasons people never create a will: fear of death; uncertainty about estate distribution; family conflicts; difficulty doing an estate inventory; inconvenience; expense; procrastination; no lawyer; etc. However, the plain fact is, no excuse is justified if it allows you to die without a will.

You don’t need all the answers to get a will started. You can start with what you know and make changes

and/or additions as you progress. Better to have something workable in place than nothing at all.

What considerations should you have in mind when making or changing your will?

- * Who should be your personal representative and alternate personal representative?
- * Who should receive your property?
- * Who should be named guardian for your minor children?
- * Should a trust be created for your spouse or children?
- * Has your marital status changed since you last made a will?
- * Has the amount or nature of your assets changed significantly since you last made a will?
- * Should you plan for estate and inheritance (death) taxes?
- * Have any intended beneficiaries of your estate died or had material changes in circumstances?
- * Have you had or adopted a child since you made your will?
- * Have the probate laws or estate inheritance tax laws changed since you made your will?
- * Should you change the guardian or personal representative named in your will? A previous choice may no longer be appropriate.

What else should you consider in addition to making a will?

What if you should become terminally ill and be kept alive only by medical treatment designed to sustain your life processes? You may choose to sign a "right-to-die" or a “DNR” (Do Not Resuscitate) statement. Whatever your choice, it may be a great comfort to your loved ones to tell them of your wishes.

Should you provide a "gift of life" to others by an organ and tissue donation? A decision to do so usually is carried out after a family discussion by the signing and witnessing of a Donor Card which you carry in your purse or wallet.

How should you provide for disposition of your personal effects? Under Utah law, instead of listing these in your will, you may refer in your will to a separate written statement or list which describes the items and names the person who is to receive each item. The statement or list must either be in your handwriting or be signed by you, must be referred to in your will, it must be reasonably clear, but it may be created or changed after the will is signed. Thus, it is a very convenient means of distributing such property and it allows you to change your mind.

Salt Lake City Mission feels so strongly about this that we want to help you with creating or updating your will. To learn more about this service, please visit our website at www.saltlakecitymission.org and click on the Estate Plan Organizer. We do hope that you will find our offer of this service a help and a blessing to you and your family.