

# Leaving a Legacy *by Ron White*

Going through the task of getting a will together was actually a very painless, simple and clear process for me. It was as easy as ordering a salad. I left the lawyer's office with a huge smile on my face, but I couldn't pinpoint why until the ride home.

The process of drawing up a will evoked two thoughts in my mind. The first thought was the question: "Am I afraid to die?" I was taken aback when I realized that I wasn't. I have zero anxiety about death, although I do love life, my family and friends, and I watch my health closer than most. But there is no anxiety about death for me. I am not going to coach you on how I arrived here because we all come from different faiths, backgrounds and belief systems. However, I will say that the realization that this is not all there is was an incredibly calming realization. Finally, on this same point, I would encourage you to look for the answer as if you are searching for buried treasure, and I believe you will find it.

The next thought that flowed into my mind as I left the lawyer's office was what Jim Rohn often talked about: leaving a legacy. I started thinking of what my legacy would be, and it excited me while showing me my weakness. I spent four hours that night talking to my family in my mom's living room just having a good time. It was something I hadn't done in too long. I called my dad just to invite him to a baseball game and quizzed my sister for the first time in years on her life and job. Leaving a legacy is about many of the things you leave behind, but it is also the intangibles you leave in the hearts of those to whom you gave your time.

That week I drew up a will. The act was simple, but the resulting thought process was calming and profound for me. When you are squared away with the prospect of death and living your life to leave a legacy, life takes on a new serene and hopeful perspective.