



Circuit Rider Dispatch



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Having "The Talk"

Having "the Talk" with aging parents about their financial and personal affairs can be a hard conversation to navigate and at best difficult to pursue. Having once given us life and throughout that life offered their own words of wisdom, guidance and an occasional "I told you so," the table often turns as parents reach an age of needing to lean on their own children for advice and assistance. From end-of-life issues to financial options, adult children can either tackle the topic in advance or suffer the consequences of being in the dark when the Lord calls them home.



To save expense, time and the possible heartache of navigating the financial and legal waters after they are gone, the Foundation recommends the following approach to discussing their wishes, concerns and financial obligations in advance.

1. Acknowledge the difficulty this conversation is to have with your parents---help them understand you only want the best for them. Your goal is to give them peace of mind about their affairs.
2. Use "I" statements when discussing sensitive issues-not "you."
3. Accompany them (if possible) to professional advisors so that you can all be on the same page.
4. Determine in advance what information you wish to learn. Is there a will? Are there powers of attorney or an advanced health directive in place? Do they have a life insurance policy in place? These and more are important questions to explore.
5. Discuss appropriate options for immediate financial issues upon their death- such as "payable on death," setting up a revocable living trust, having shared bank accounts, for example, any of which allows access to financial accounts without waiting for probate.
6. Listen, listen, listen.

We strongly encourage individuals to complete a booklet the Foundation provides for free. The *Personal Record Information Book* is designed to help loved ones navigate the potentially stressful and chaotic waters after a loved one passes. It can be viewed here [online](#). We are more than glad to mail one to you by sending an email [here](#).

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Bobby Lee Collier

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WASHINGTON NEWS

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