## LIQUIDATE

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easier to deal with than stuff, in the bank.

Don't try to hide it. Shoving money in a mattress, under a stair tread, or in a safe deposit box almost never ends well, and is a great way to destroy a family.

• Your plan is the gift. It's not just what you leave, but how you leave it that matters.

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Liquidate as you live. Turn valuables that you don't need, use or love — and that your kids don't want — into cash, by selling them to appreciative buyers. Then tuck the money away to someday go to your kids, grandkids or causes you care about. Illustration by Ernest Akayeu/Dreamstime.

