THOUGHT AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

You serve your children well by providing guidance on situations and dilemmas they may face should you become dependent in the future. Consider the following questions. You may wish to discuss them with your children or to leave your answers in a place where they can find them.

1. What would you want your children to do if you were making demands like Jed's in chapter 1 (pages 21–29)?

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2. How would you want your children to respond to your wishes and needs if your relationship with them became like June's with David and Lexi in "David's Dilemmas" (pages 61–66)?

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3. What advice would you give your children (or grandchildren) about using their resources to keep you safe if your situation became like Edith's in "Edith's Fall Risk" (pages 88–90)?

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4. How would you want your children to honor you if they were concerned that your driving was becoming a danger to other people, as in "Arnold's Car Keys" (pages 90–94)?

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5. What steps would you want your children to take if you were in Harold's situation in "Harold's Housing" (pages 94–99)? (Note that Harold's children have more than one problem, including the challenge of working together.)

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6. How would you want your children to honor you if you were in the situation facing the mother in "Fanatical Safety Precautions" (pages 99–100)?

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7. What advice would you want your children to hear if they ever found it impossible to make you happy, as depicted in "Dad Is Never Happy" (pages 100–101)?

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8. What advice would you want your children to hear from you if they made decisions on your behalf that they came to regret (despite their best efforts), as happens in "Did I Sell the House Too Soon?" (pages 104–6)?

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9. How would you want your children to honor you if you became as difficult as the parents in "What If I Just Don't Like My Mom?" (pages 106–8) or "Unable to Forget" (pages 113–14)?

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10. How would you want your children to handle giving you bad news if they were concerned about how you would receive it, as happens in "Virtual Visitation" (pages 108–112) and "Distressing News" (pages 112–13)?

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11. What steps would you want your children to take if you were resisting seeing a doctor, as described in "How Do I Honor My Over-Medicating Mom?" (pages 116–18) and "Doctor Dilemma" (pages 127–29)?

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12. What advice would you want your children to hear if they became frustrated with demands that you were making on their time—including similar demands to those in "What Decisions Can We Make for Our Parents' Health?" (pages 118–22)?

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13. What do you want your children to know about your wishes for end-of-life medical care, both when the end is unavoidable (as in "Feeding Violet" on pages 122–27) and when others suggest hastening it out of "compassion" (as in "Death with Dignity?" on pages 129–30)?

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14. What advice do you want your children to hear from you now, should they become concerned that you are rejecting sound medical advice, as depicted in "Audrey's Cancer" (pages 132–38)?

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15. How do you want your children to honor you when they speak of you at your memorial service, even if the situation were as complex as in "What Do I Say About Mom's Dementia in a Eulogy?" (pages 140–42)?

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16. What do want your children to know about your wishes for your giving if they must manage your financial affairs for you, using "Continuing to Tithe?" as one possible issue (pages 146–48)?

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17. What advice do you want your children to hear from you about what to do with your favorite possessions if they had to deal with them without your help, as depicted in "What to Do with All This Stuff?" (pages 148–51)?

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18. How would you want your children to respond if you started a new relationship like the one Nina takes up in "A New Romance?" (pages 158–62)?

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19. How do you want your children to think about technological devices like those described in "AI Companionship Options," noting especially the health advantages they may offer (pages 162–69)?

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20. What would you want your children to do if you became difficult and demanding like Jason's parents in "Entitled Parents" (pages 169–72)?

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21. What else would you like your children to know?

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