



True Riches eNewsletter

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"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11

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Our Better Half

Excerpted from Slate.com (Opinion article)

If you have ever experienced the testimony of an ex-convict who has allowed Jesus to "come in and take over", you know the power of faith based organizations to help the lost, poor, and needy in our world. One man thinks it is time to update the American Dream to include the ideals of charitable giving. Interested? Read on....

SLATE - This author argues that it is time to update the American Dream to include ideals of charitable giving. After all, the nonprofit sector could solve a lot more of our problems -- if we make it bigger, more effective, and more central to our economy. After two-plus centuries of nationhood, it's time to update the American Dream. Not because Americans can no longer go from rags to riches. Rather because, after two centuries of the great American experiment, it's safe to conclude that our particular blend of free enterprise and government alone leaves too many important problems unsolved. From education to health care to energy to wealth disparity to the environment, we're living proof that being a rich nation doesn't necessarily make us a great one.

How can we become the latter? By developing a not-for-profit sector as creative, competitive, and well-funded as our corporate sector. Private for-profit enterprises and public government agencies each have their place-the Department of Health and Human Services would do a lousy job running Wal-Mart, and the Air Force, for obvious reasons, shouldn't



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report to Boeing. But each is also constrained by its own organizational principles: Government agencies need to maintain a political consensus, and corporations need to make a profit.

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A Giving Story

Bart Azzarelli held a good job for a construction contractor in Tampa, Florida, but the financial pressures of starting a home and raising a child prevented him and his wife, Jan, from tithing. Only one month after becoming a Christian, his new faith was put to the test.

"My boss called me into his office," recalls Bart. "He said he was downsizing and handed me my walking papers. I went home and cried out to God, 'This isn't the way it's supposed to be!' But I had a strong impression that God answered, 'It's pretty easy to tithe now, isn't it?'"

To find out what happened next, [click here...](#)

Welcome to Our New Board Members

Christian Legacy Foundation (CLF) is please to announce two new board members, Ronald Altman and Thomas Wolf.

Thomas G. Wolf is frequently characterized as a "serial entrepreneur," an apt description for someone who has built six companies over 26 years, selling all of them for substantial profit. Today, Wolf is focused on building business number 7, Transition Resource, a company founded on his lifelong study of entrepreneurial principles, communication styles and success tools. A noted business coach and frequent conference speaker, Wolf is skilled at helping entrepreneurs recognize the thinking traps and emotional barriers that stand between them and achieving success. Businesses Wolf has built were listed on the Inc. 500 and Philadelphia's 100 Fastest Growing Companies. He was also a two time finalist for Entrepreneur of the Year and his companies received several Quality Achievement Awards. He will be a wonderful addition to our board! Next month we'll "meet" Ron. Please join our staff in welcoming these two men to our board!

Local Ministry Events

Christian Legacy Foundation is now exclusively using the community calendar of [FaithTampaBay.com](#), because of the strategic relationship between the two ministries.

Aug 22 - 5th Annual Bethany Christian Services Golf

Classic. For registration, [click here](#).

Aug 29 - Pinellas Kingdom Advsiors Meeting

Sept 10, 17 & 24 - 3 part CLF Foundation Training Series. Learn how to share the message of giving! Contact Bob.Collins@clfinc.org for details.

Sept 11 - N. Tampa Kingdom Advisors Meeting

Sept 18 - Tampa Bay Christian Counseling Center *Rejoice Always Annual Fundraiser* [More Information](#)

Sept 19 - A Night of Hope with David Ring. Doors Open at 6:15 pm [More Information](#)

October 23-25 - **Generous Giving National Conference**
- Washington, DC

If your ministry event isn't listed, please go to www.FaithTampaBay.com and sign up with them or let us know by emailing Angie at angie@clfinc.org. We'd like to include all our ministry partners' events.

***Kingdom Advisors' ministry** is to engage, equip, and empower Christian financial advisors to communicate Biblical wisdom to their clients, apply professional principles in their practices, and live out their faith in their marketplace for Kingdom impact. As a strategic ministry partner with CLF, we are listing their local meetings.

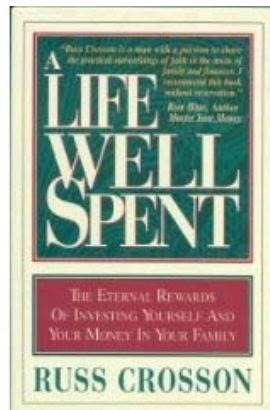
Recommended Reading

A Life Well Spent

by Russ Crosson

Many books on finances are available, but few of them go beyond the nuts and bolts of handling money and making more money. Yet when families weigh how their money can best be used, they need an eternal perspective. In his book *A Life Well Spent*, Russ Crosson helps you distinguish between prosperity (the accumulation of goods on this earth) and posterity (the heritage we leave our children and the generations that come after us).

Available through most online bookstores.



A Laugh A Day...

What's It Take?

"What do you have to do to become a doctor?" my six-year-old granddaughter once asked.

Her dad, seeing an opportunity, said, "You have to do extremely well in school, take a lot of math and science, get into an excellent college, make the highest grades possible, and then go to med school, and follow that with an internship. Then you can start your own practice. Honey, as smart as you are, you can be anything you want to be."



Erin gave all this a moment's thought and then asked, "What do you have to do to be queen?"

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