



## True Riches eNewsletter

"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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### Great News! CLF Sets New Records for Giving!

In our second full year as the Christian Legacy Foundation, our Lord continues to bless us with phenomenal growth:

- Number of Giving Funds more than double to over 40!
- Foundation assets more than double to over \$11 million!
- Grants out to non-profits up **ten-fold** to over \$1.7 million!

As many of you know, our primary goal is to facilitate \$200 million of giving by the year 2015. *So far, from 2005 through 2006, we have facilitated over \$13 million in giving.* We are almost 2 years ahead of schedule towards achieving our main goal!

Praise God for His blessing on our community! Thanks also to our donors - their generosity has helped countless people.

We have had a record year of giving. Contact us today to find out how we have helped families and corporations give more than they thought possible, and in tax smart ways. With the Lord's help and blessing, 2007 will be even better!



### ***Helping People Achieve Lives of Stewardship Excellence Before God***

The Christian Legacy Foundation (CLF) exists to enable faithful stewards to give wisely to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CLF is the Tampa Bay area affiliate of the National Christian Foundation.

Open your Giving Fund today, or learn more about our innovative giving solutions, tools and resources at [www.clfinc.org](http://www.clfinc.org)

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**Did you know you can  
give ...**

## Join the Revolution! It's Time To Take a Stand!

The Tampa Bay Festival needs you! There are several opportunities coming up to get involved in bringing the Luis Palau Festival to Tampa Bay.



They are currently seeking individuals to be trained as Decision Counselors at the Festival. [www.tampabayfestival.com](http://www.tampabayfestival.com) Your local church should have all the materials needed but if they do not, please call 813-579-1560 and we will get you started!

They also need thousands of volunteers! Call Laura Palmisano at 813-579-1531 or email her at [laura.palmisano@palau.org](mailto:laura.palmisano@palau.org)

Do you ever wish things were different in your city? Your church? Your home? NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION! **40 days of prayer and servant evangelism begins January 21st!** Please sign up at [www.tampabayrevolution.com](http://www.tampabayrevolution.com) and let's work together to unleash 40 days of God's power on the Tampa Bay area, our churches and our homes!

### Local Ministry Events

**Jan 16** - Celebration of 2 Kings (MLK Day Parade) - Somebody Cares Tampa Bay (SCTB)

**Jan 21** - 40 Days of Prayer and Servant Evangelism - Tampa Bay Festival [www.tampabayrevolution.com](http://www.tampabayrevolution.com)

**Jan 26** - **Somebody Cares Tampa Bay Annual Compassion Banquet**

**Feb** - Watoto Children's Choir is coming to FL! ([Click here for details](#))

**Feb 7-9** CFPN Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. For more information or to register visit [www.cfpn.org](http://www.cfpn.org)

**Feb 21** - 40 Days of Prayer for Your City (SCTB)

**Feb 24** - Serve Tampa Bay Day (SCTB)

**Feb 26** - **Tampa Bay Festival Business & Civic Leaders Luncheon with Luis Palau** (Sponsor a table by [clicking here.](#) )

**Feb 27** - **Ladies Luncheon** with Luis Palau Festival. Call the Festival office for information at 813-579-1560.

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**Mar 3 - 4 - Tampa Bay Festival with Luis Palau** at Raymond James Stadium. [Read more by clicking here.](#)

**Apr 19 - 21 - Generous Giving Conference** in Dallas, TX. For more information or to register visit [www.generousgiving.org](http://www.generousgiving.org)

If your ministry event isn't listed, let us know by [emailing Angie](#). We'd like to include all our ministry partners' events.

### **The Third Conversion**

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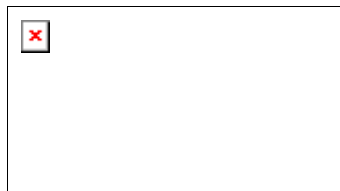
Tradition has it that Martin Luther, the man God used to spark the Protestant Reformation, once said that every Christian has to undergo three conversions: the conversion of the heart, the conversion of the mind, and the conversion of the pocketbook. It is this third conversion, the conversion of the pocketbook, that is the subject of this essay.

Born-again Christians in the United States, on average, give only 2.5 percent of their income to Christian causes (including churches and other Christian ministries). This percentage is lower than the average charitable giving rate at the depth of the Great Depression, despite the fact that today we live in the most prosperous country in the most prosperous era in the history of the world.

Meanwhile, the church is experiencing tremendous numerical growth in many places across the globe. Technological advances have made it possible to spread the gospel in ways that were not even imagined 50 years ago. The fields are ripe for harvest, and resources sufficient to carry out the Great Commission are in the hands of Christians. In spite of all this, missionaries and indigenous church leaders complain of a scarcity of financial resources. Now is the time for the Western church to break free of the bonds of materialism and to invest in the advance of the kingdom of God. Now is the time for the third conversion, the conversion of the pocketbook.

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### **Recommended Reading**



#### **RAISING MONEY SMART KIDS**, by Ron & Judy Blue

Many Christian parents want their children to grow up with a desire to give - freely and

regularly - to causes that spread the Gospel around the world. Before this can happen, however, children must know how to manage their money wisely.

Written by popular financial counselor Ron Blue and his wife, Judy, *Raising Money-Smart Kids* offers a wealth of practical, biblically based advice about how to teach your children the secrets of earning, saving, investing, and spending wisely.

*Available through most online bookstores.*

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Find out how a Giving Fund can be powerful and flexible part of your estate plan by downloading [Testamentary Giving](#) from our website.

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