



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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Tampa Bay Festival - Go This Weekend!



What is Tampa Bay Festival?

Envision the biggest party you've ever attended. Multiply attendance by 100 or even 1,000. Now add two

full days of fun, awesome Christian bands, an exciting children's area, world-class skateboarding and BMX demos, and opportunities to see your friends and family come to Jesus Christ. All FREE. That, my friend, is a Luis Palau festival. [Check out the video!](#)

When and Where: Tampa Bay Festival with Luis Palau will take place on the grounds just south of Raymond James Stadium from 1:00 until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 3 & 4, 2007. Pre-festival a hip-hop and rock concert of local musicians will begin at 12:00 pm on the Livin It Stage.

[*View the festival daily schedule of events](#)

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Northside Christian School Partners With CLF

We are proud to announce that Northside Christian School (NCS) and the Christian Legacy Foundation have established the Northside Christian School Foundation. The



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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.

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Christian Legacy Foundation is providing administration services, accepting cash and non-cash gifts, and offering estate design and Christian-giving guidance services to Northside's foundation and its donors.

The Northside Christian School Foundation was created to support the ongoing mission of the school, which in partnership with families, exists to equip students to reach their God-given potentials through outstanding academic and extra-curricular programs within a Christ-centered environment.

"We seek to provide our students with the most qualified, dedicated Christian teachers possible. Our teachers are continuous learners themselves, keeping their teaching fresh and dynamic. Each shares a passion for Jesus Christ and desire to meet the individual needs of his or her students. We want our graduates to attend the universities of their choice, become model leaders in society and impact our world for Christ, " said Mary Brandes, head of school.

'We partnered with the Christian Legacy Foundation to establish this important foundation because of their expertise in accepting diverse gifts, such as business interests, real estate, stocks and bonds, and other complex gifts, as well as cash. In addition, the organization takes extra care in providing specialized services to our donors, " Brandes continued. 'Additionally, Christian Legacy's affiliation with The National Christian Foundation means that we can tap into their network of Christian foundations across the country to provide local, personal service, communications and outreach to current and prospective donors.'

Donations to the Northside's foundation will support the school's ongoing mission to offer a quality academic program and be a premier school in Pinellas County while providing a loving, safe, nurturing and challenging environment to help students excel. Anyone interested in contributing to the Northside Christian School Foundation should contact the Christian Legacy Foundation at 813.567.1499 or by emailing its Executive Director, Bob Collins at bob.collins@clfinc.org.

About Northside Christian School

Northside Christian School (www.nck12.com) was born on July 4th, 1971 out of the dreams of the congregants of Northside Baptist Church (6000 38th Ave N St. Petersburg, FL 33710). With the dream of providing an affordable, quality, college preparatory curriculum in a Christ-honoring environment, the church forged forward until their goal was realized. Throughout the last 35 years, more than 1,700 graduates have walked across their platform equipped with the academic and social skills to exceed at

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Building Bigger Barns

by Steve Scalici. 02-26-2007

Remember that we are mere stewards

"Then someone called from the crowd, 'Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me.' Jesus replied, 'Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?' Then he said, 'Beware! Don't be greedy for what you don't have. Real life is not measured by how much we own.' And he gave an illustration: 'A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. In fact, his barns were full to overflowing. So he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store everything. And I'll sit back and say to myself, My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!' But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get it all?' Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God" (Luke 12: 13-21).

I have read this passage many times and each time I get something different from it. I think it's easy to read this passage and conclude that Jesus is criticizing wealth, but I don't think that's what He is doing. Is he criticizing someone who worked hard to plant the seed and who worked hard to multiply what he had? I don't think so. Jesus is looking at the heart and asking the question "is having it all in this life enough?"

As a Christ follower, we know that there isn't enough stuff in the world to ever bring true contentment. Knowing that, you would think we would cease looking to things to make us happy. At some point, we must come to the conclusion that no amount of stuff is ever going to do "it" for us (whatever "it" is). Indeed, EBAY's latest ads claim that you can in fact find "it" through consumerism. I disagree.

[Read the Rest of the Article](#)

Local Ministry Events

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

Mar 8 - CFPN North side Tampa Branch Kickoff ([click here for details](#))

Mar 30 - [CFPN Quarterly Tampa Branch Meeting](#) - Guest speaker, Rod Hadley of [Character That Counts](#)

April - Tampa Bay Leaders War Zone Awareness Breakfast & Fundraiser - Christ aCross America ([click here for details](#))

April 7 - Celebrate Compassion Tampa Bay (noon till 5:00) - Christ aCross America ([click here for info](#))

Apr 19 - 21 - Generous Giving Conference in Dallas, TX. For more information or to register visit www.generousgiving.org

April 23 - Executive Ministries golf tournament at the Cheval Golf and Country Club. Corporate Sponsorship or to register please visit www.emgolf.org or contact us at [exemin1 @ tampabay.rr.com](mailto:exemin1@tampabay.rr.com) or call 813-902-9117.

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

Generosity University

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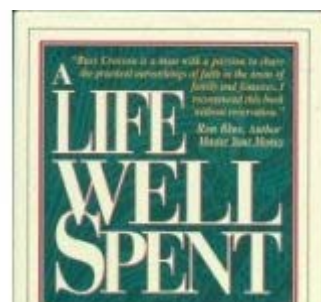
These resources are completely free and we hope that you will use them to deepen your knowledge of Christ's call on your life.

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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.

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