



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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CLF Featured in The Chronicle of Philanthropy

In their annual review of charities that offer donor-advised funds, *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* highlighted CLF as the fastest growing organization in the nation!

In 2007, our donor-advised fund assets grew an incredible 144% and distributions grew 121%. We attribute this growth to God's grace and providence and so to him goes the honor and glory! We are grateful to God for allowing us to be a small part of His greater plan for the Tampa Bay area.

If you would like to read the entire article, [click here](#) for a PDF download.

Thank you, friends and partners, for helping us to achieve such a miraculous milestone!

Charitable Lead Trusts - The Time is Now!

The best time to implement a Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) is when interest rates are low. At 3.2%, the Charitable Federal Midterm Rate for May 2008 is almost an historical low.



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.

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Therefore the time to act on implementing a CLT is now!

[Personal Property](#)

Most people use CLT's to transfer significant amounts free of gift tax to their children (or anyone else).

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The Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) is a giving tool that allows you to transfer assets into the Trust and pay income to charity for a fixed number of years. Upon your death or at the end of the Trust period, the remaining balance in the Trust is paid to your family or another (non-charitable) beneficiary. The assets in the CLT are discounted for gift and estate tax purposes. A CLT uses up less of the gift and estate tax exemption than would an outright gift to heirs. This works well if you want to pass on assets to your heirs at a reduced value, and at the same time accomplish your charitable giving goals. It also removes assets from your estate. [READ MORE ...](#)

Money and Giving

excerpted from "God At Work - Living Everyday With Purpose" by Ken Costa

What then, in summary, should be our attitude to money? Is it filthy lucre which will contaminate us, or is it a force for good? Of its own it is neither: it is our attitude to its use that will govern which it is to be. That is why thankful, regular, cheerful giving is so important. Not only does it honour God's name but expectant giving enables us to rely on God's promise to 'supply all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4:19). The net result is that we experience the freedom to enjoy our possessions, our money, our holidays, our gadgets and cars. Giving frees us up to enjoy God's goodness precisely because [READ MORE ...](#)

Welcome to Our New Board Member

Christian Legacy Foundation (CLF) is pleased to announce a new member to their Board of Directors, Joanne Lanning. Two years ago, Joanne was introduced to the foundation through our staff and outreach events in the community. Her passion to promote Christian stewardship and generous giving principles began through her association with Crown Financial Ministries and fits well with the mission of CLF. She is a qualified Money Map Coach and Crown bible study facilitator. In addition, she holds a Non-Profit Management Certification. She worked in the non-profit sector with the Children's Dream Fund for eight years before retiring two years ago. She has participated in our free estate design process, completed the Christian Legacy Foundation training and volunteered as the coordinator for the [2007 Compassion Awards Banquet](#). As a board member, Joanne will focus on developing CLF's outreach to women in philanthropy and coordinate our online prayer ministry. Please join our staff in a warm welcome to Joanne.

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.

June 10 - Pinellas Kingdom Advisors Meeting email staff@clfinc.org for an invitation or to be added to our list.

June 18 - CLF Ambassadors Lunch at the Centre Club, Tampa

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.

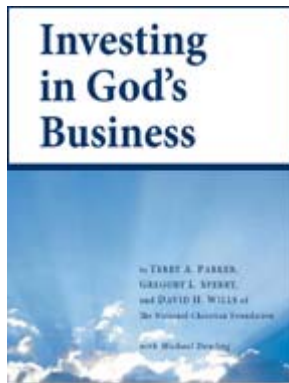
***Kingdom Advisors' ministry** is to engage, equip, and empower Christian financial advisors to communicate Biblical wisdom to their clients, apply professional principles in their practices, and live out their faith in their marketplace for Kingdom impact. As a strategic ministry partner with CLF,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

Recommended Reading

Investing in God's Business

by Terry Parker, Gregory Sperry, & David Wills

Will you be giving your family a "taxable estate"? Are you planning to sell real estate or a business? Are you planning to give money to charities at death? Do you have more than enough income to support your lifestyle? If you answered "yes" to any of these Five Triggers of Giving Opportunity, then *Investing in God's Business: The "How To" of Smart Christian Giving* could radically alter how you look at charitable giving. Written by NCF's staff attorneys, this book explains these Five Triggers and walks through creative ways to "invest" more of your gifts in Kingdom-building projects, rather than "investing" in the government in taxes.



To get your complimentary copy of **Investing in God's Business**, email staff@clfinc.org with your name and mailing address.

A Laugh A Day...

Computer Help Desk

Comments actually heard by a computer help desk:

A customer couldn't get on the internet:

Helpdesk: Are you sure you are using the right password?



Customer: Yes I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Helpdesk: Can you tell me what the password was?

Customer: Five stars.

Helpdesk: Click on the "My Computer" icon on the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

Customer: I have problems printing in red.

Helpdesk: Do you have a color printer?

Customer: Aaaaah...Thank you.

Customer: Hi, this is Martha. I can't print. Every time I try, it says, "Can't find printer." I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says it can't find it.

From Crosswalk.com's daily, "You Make Me Laugh" e-newsletter.

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

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