



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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God Wants Our Eyes to Be Upon Him

The difficult economic times are certainly a major distraction for most, if not all of us - a distraction from Him and from seeking Him first above all else. Times like these offer a great opportunity to revisit the verses in the Bible that speak to just such a situation...Matthew 6:25-33 for example. I won't cite the entire section but just as a refresher, here is a taste: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air ... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." The authors of *Family.Money.* have a challenging perspective on this scripture. Keep reading. Be comforted. (excerpted from *Family.Money.* chapter 4, Acquisition Philosophy)

It's a basic fact of human existence that we are not self-sufficient beings. Our very lives depend upon the acquisition of food, water, shelter, etc. But God wants our eyes to be upon Him, and not distracted by the process of acquisition. God's plan for our wealth acquisition is perhaps better described as wealth reception.

As our *heavenly* Father, He also has a perspective that is different from our own. While we see wealth primarily as a material reality, God's view includes both material and heavenly wealth, the latter of which is superior to the former. Understanding this difference in perspective helps us

to see the benefits of "un-acquiring" material wealth we've worked so hard to acquire.

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When we love God, focus on Him and His agenda, and see things from His perspective, He'll give us whatever wealth or material possessions are necessary to meet our needs and accomplish His purposes. ***We love, we follow, He gives and we receive. No worries.***

Sounds simple, doesn't it? It is, when you focus on God, seek His Kingdom, and keep your priorities straight. The key is whether you trust God to call the shots or not.

- Do you believe His ways are best?
- Is He going to treat you fairly?
- Do you trust that He has your best interest at heart?
- Will He really make sure your family's needs are met?

When you begin to believe the answer to any of these questions is "no," you're on the road to becoming your own boss, and claiming ownership of your own life and your material possessions.

The key to knowing why this is so lies in understanding the "Possession Principle." [Read the rest of the excerpt here...](#)

Want to read the entire book? You can purchase a copy for \$4 by emailing Angie@clfinc.org.

Welcome to New Board Member Jay Fechtel

Jay grew up in central Florida (Leesburg) and attended Washington and Lee University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with Phi Beta Kappa honors, and was a 4 year letterman and captain of the basketball team. He began his professional career in Tampa, Florida in the public accounting field, practicing as a CPA with Arthur Andersen and Co. After transitioning to the commercial real estate development field, he worked with his family business, Schaffer Properties, Inc., for several years. In 1988, Jay opened The Fechtel Company, a design-build firm which specializes in high-end custom homes and offices.



The Fechtel Company is a certified Health House Builder and has won numerous national and regional design awards, as well as green building awards for energy efficient and water conserving design. The firm has 20 employees and has operated primarily in Hillsborough County for the last 20 years. Jay is blessed to be married to Terri Hogan of Brandon, Florida. They homeschool their 6 children, who

range from 9 to 18 years of age and include their niece and nephew. Jay attends Keystone Bible Church and serves on the boards of several Christian ministries. We are very blessed to have Jay's talent helping to direct Christian Legacy Foundation!

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Joanne Lanning, board member and prayer ministry coordinator, and Denise White, board member and Treasurer, are two of our Most Valuable People at Christian Legacy Foundation (CLF). As we grow, the staff continues to be stretched and the help that Joanne and Denise have volunteered can only be appreciated properly in eternity!

Thank you to Joanne, Denise, our entire board of Directors, Trustees and Ambassadors! The mission of CLF could never be accomplished without you!

Super Bowl Breakfast - January 31st

The 2009 Super Bowl Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 31st at the USF Sun

Dome. Bart Starr, Tony Dungy, Derrick Brooks, Anthony Munoz



and other NFL athletes and coaches will be on hand to celebrate the presentation of the Bart Starr Award. This award is presented to an NFL player for outstanding character and leadership in the home, on the field and in the community. All the players in the NFL vote on this award at the same time they vote on the Pro Bowl. The winner will be announced at the Super Bowl Breakfast. Past winners include Reggie White, Mike Singletary, Derrick Brooks, Cris Carter and LaDainian Tomlinson. Tampa Bay's own Warrick Dunn is one of the ten nominees for the 2009 Bart Starr Award.

Tickets to the 2009 Super Bowl Breakfast make a perfect Christmas gift for the sports fan on your list. Tickets are normally \$150 each but this year - due to the size of the venue - they are \$20 each!. Buy your tickets now - [click here!](#)

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.

January 31 - Super Bowl Breakfast

February - CLF Foundation Training

March 6 - Barlow Girl benefit for Steppin' Stone Farm ministry - St. Andrew's UMC in Brandon [Click here for flyer](#)

March 18 - CLF Board of Ambassadors Meeting

April 23-25 - Generous Giving National Conference in Arizona

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.

A Laugh A Day...

Toaster Oven

One of my daughter's wedding presents was a toaster oven. Soon after the honeymoon, she and her husband tried it out. Almost immediately, smoke billowed out of the toaster. "Get the owner's manual!" her husband shouted.

"I can't find it anywhere!" she cried, searching through the box.

"Oops!" came a voice from the kitchen. "Well, the toast is fine, but the owner's manual is burnt to a crisp."



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