



## 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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### Continued Generosity

Excerpted from Dr Gene Getz's "Rich in Every Way"

*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion. -2 Corinthians 9:11*

Probably no verse has been more misinterpreted and misused. If you want to accumulate material possessions, some say, then sow your seed and it will grow and multiply one hundredfold.

What did Paul mean? It may be he wasn't speaking of material possessions at all but rather of spiritual riches. But probably Paul had both in mind. If he were not speaking of material possessions, how could he say the Corinthians would be able to "be generous on every occasion"? Furthermore, his agricultural analogy (2 Corinthians 9:10) implies that he was talking about material blessings as a result of being generous with their material gifts.

It seems, then, that Paul was teaching that if the Corinthians were generous, based on their own resources, God would provide them with material blessings so they could continue to invest in the kingdom of God and see people come to Christ and grow in Christ. In this sense, they would be enlarging the harvest of their righteousness. The focus, then, is not on what they would receive but on what they could give in order to do God's work in the world.

Paul was also speaking of being rich in grace, meaning that because of God's gift of grace, the Corinthian believers would



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be able to be generous no matter what their economic situation. They would be able to respond like the Macedonians, who gave in spite of poverty, which in God's sight was generous.

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One of the promises God gives us is, when we're faithful in helping others, our own needs will be met and we'll be able to continue helping others. The emphasis in Scripture is not on the amount we give or receive but simply on giving from what we have-whether little or much.

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## My Heart is in Haiti

I may live and work in the United States but my heart is in Haiti. When Haiti was devastated by hurricanes not too long ago, I was moved to help in any way that I could. I found a company that wanted to donate 120,000 pounds of dehydrated beans but I had to raise the funds to have them repackaged and shipped to Haiti. We had a private distribution network already in place to avoid the theft that was already happening ... keeping the food from the poor who couldn't afford to pay. All I needed was money.



I created "The Haiti Fund" at CLF to solicit contributions that would be dedicated to this project and also were tax deductible for the donors. Not only did cash contributions come in, but stocks, too - in all, nearly \$25,000! I also have a personal fund that I do my giving through, funding my giving by contributing appreciated assets as well as cash. My fund also helps me to manage giving away money at the end of the year to accomplish my tax-planning objectives. It's a fantastic tool that I am excited to have access to!

- *Dominic Sputo*

## Testimonial: CLF 301 - Heart and Mind

"I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the CLF Training classes the last few weeks. There was a great deal

of tremendous information and you did a terrific job of leading, facilitating, and teaching. You and CLF provided excellent resources that have already impacted me personally and I am looking forward to see the impact on my practice and client relationships.

Thank you for the valuable service you and CLF provide to our community!"

*Daniel Shontere, CFP - Ameriprise Financial*

The next classes for CLF 301 start September 2nd. Call or [write](#) Angie to find out more.

## Question of the month

Has money had a positive or negative impact on your relationship with God?

## 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 4 - CLF Morning of Prayer**, 7:00 - 8:30 am at CLF office, RSVP to [prayer@clfinc.org](mailto:prayer@clfinc.org)

**Aug 5 - CLF Gift Planing Webinar**, noon-1:00 pm - need to know learn more about how to tap into planned gifts for your ministry? RSVP to [Angie@clfinc.org](mailto:Angie@clfinc.org) for log in instructions.

**Aug 26 - CLF Board of Ambassadors** meeting

**Sept 2 - CLF Gift Planing Webinar**, noon-1:00 pm - need to know learn more about how to tap into planned gifts for your ministry? RSVP to [Angie@clfinc.org](mailto:Angie@clfinc.org) for log in instructions.

**Sept 2, 9, 16 - CLF 301: Heart and Mind**, CLF's unique educational series that will stretch your ideas about giving and how to creatively disinherit the IRS! *No Charge*, RSVP to [Angie@clfinc.org](mailto:Angie@clfinc.org)

**Sept 21-24 - Special Women's event** - watch for details!

**Oct 23-25 - Generous Giving National Conference** - email [bob.collins@clfinc.org](mailto:bob.collins@clfinc.org) if you would like details

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

## A Laugh A Day...

### Prescription Worries

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it

true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."



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