



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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Stock Giving is UP!

With the recent gains in the stock market, stock giving through CLF/NCF is on the rise once again. While biblical generosity certainly doesn't depend on what the stock market is doing, the tax advantages of giving appreciated securities always make this gift a wise choice of good stewards. No one knows what the market may do tomorrow, but we do know...when you have a gain, it's time to give.

Get started today with these [step-by-step instructions](#).

Living by Faith in the 9-5 World

excerpted from [Daring To Live On the Edge](#) by Loren Cunningham

Another important principle for all Christians, including those in the 9-5 world, is stated in the fourth commandment: we are to keep the Sabbath holy.

Many get nervous when you bring up this topic. They've known strict upbringing with a lot of legalism. It is true that some Christians have gone about as far as the Pharisees in killing the joy of the Sabbath. One person recalled his great-aunt telling a young girl embroidering on Sunday, "You're breaking the Sabbath! In eternity you'll have to pick out those stitches with your nose!"

However, God designed the Sabbath. His principles have much to say to a generation where even young people are burning out from stress.

Sabbath - setting aside work for one day a week - is



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a constant commitment to trust God with your unfinished work. (emphasis mine) If paying tithes and living by faith financially is trusting God even when there isn't enough money, then this is its counterpart in carrying your workload. All of us have two precious resources: time and money. Often we do not have the money to do what God is leading us to do, and we constantly do not have the time to complete our task. What do you do when you have too much work to do in too little time? Do you work harder and harder - burning the midnight oil, working every day of the week, sacrificing family, social time, church involvement, exercise, everything - trying to get around to all of it?

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Sabbath rest is more than not mowing the lawn on Sunday. Maybe mowing the lawn would be more beneficial and restful, a needed break from the pressures you face at work. Sabbath rest is so important that God included it as one of only Ten Commandments.

Keys to remember:

- There will always be more work than can be done in the amount of time we have. If we are being led of God daily, then He will make Himself responsible for what we can't do.
- The key to Sabbath rest is obedience. You must rest and trust God to complete the work he has started.
- God has so designed us that if we break the Sabbath Law, it will break us.
- Those who have to work on Sundays still need to follow God's principle of Sabbath rest. We all must have one day in seven.

Loren Cunningham is the founder of Youth With a Mission (YWAM), an international, interdenominational missionary organization now operation in 650 centers in 135 countries.

Testimonial: CLF 301 - Heart and Mind

"Even though I have been in ministries for most of my life that have large numbers of sacrificial givers, annual missionary "faith promise" campaigns, an annual stewardship emphasis, and regular preaching from pastors and evangelists on stewardship, I gained new insights in stepping out further in faith ..."

- Don Griffith, Faithful Steward Ministries

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 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 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

Sept 17-20, The Gathering email bob.collins@clfinc.org if you would like details

Sept 23 - Your Life, Your Legacy - A Faith and Finances Workshop for Women by Women Register at thejoyfm.com or by calling 800-456-8910 (Download the flyer [here.](#))

Sept tba - CLF Prayer Meeting (check our website for the definite date www.clfinc.org)

Oct 23-25 - Generous Giving National Conference - email bob.collins@clfinc.org if you would like details

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...

Overboard Rescue

Passengers aboard a luxurious cruise ship were having a great time when a beautiful young woman fell overboard. Immediately there was an 80-year-old man in the water who rescued her.

The crew pulled them both out of the treacherous waters. The captain was grateful as well as astonished that the white-haired old man performed such an act of bravery. That night a banquet was given in honor of the ship's elderly hero. He was called forward to receive an award and was asked to say a few words.



He said, "First of all, I'd like to know who pushed me."

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