

# Financial Health & *Generosity*

**LIVE SEMINAR &  
TRAINING VIDEOS**

for Pastors/Spouses & Church Leaders

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This free grant-funded seminar is part of the Bless Your Pastor Tour to over 100 cities. This interactive training seminar and online videos will provide you with valuable Bible teaching, practical ideas and proven resources that will help your personal life and church ministry.

The instructor for this seminar, online courses and training videos is Brian Kluth. Brian is the national spokesperson for Bless Your Pastor and NAE Financial Health programs. These programs were made possible through a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to the National Association of Evangelicals. Through partnerships with over 25 NAE member denominations and associations, thousands of pastors and their leadership teams are being encouraged, enriched, empowered and equipped.

Brian Kluth was a senior pastor for 10 years and has written biblical generosity materials that have been used by over 5,000 churches. Kluth is the founder of the State of the Plate research on church giving, attendance and pastor care. He is a frequent guest speaker for conferences, churches and on Christian and mainstream media. Brian is available for guest speaking upon request.

**NAE** | National Association of  
**Evangelicals**

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## Financial Iceberg for Many Pastors & Churches



### ON THE SURFACE

- Pastor/Spouse and Church \$ Challenges

### UNDER THE SURFACE

- Barna: 50% of Christians give \$0-\$50, 20% give \$50-\$500 and 30% give over \$500
- 14% of pastors received Biblical \$ teaching
- Church Generosity Best Practices/Resources unknown by most Pastors and Leaders

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Recommended: [NAEfinancialhealth.org/online/training](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/online/training) 6-Session and 1-Session Church Generosity courses, [Barna.com](http://Barna.com), [StateofthePlate.info](http://StateofthePlate.info), [LifeWayResearch.com](http://LifeWayResearch.com), [Barna.com/stateofthechurch](http://Barna.com/stateofthechurch)

## 3 Generosity Views Contrasted

POVERTY THEOLOGY	BIBLICAL GENEROSITY	PROSPERITY GOSPEL
Scarcity	Supply	Surplus
Against Financial Preaching	Appropriate Financial Preaching	Always Financial Preaching
BUDGET Focus	BIBLE Focus	BIGGER Focus
Financial Transactions	Faith Transformation	Fundraising Tactic
GUILT-based	GRACE-based	GREED-based
Legalism	Liberty	Law
Can't Afford to Give	Gets to Give	Give to Get
Stingy Slave	Steward	Seed Thrower
Give to AVOID a Curse	Give to BE a Blessing	Give to GET a Blessing
FEAR Motivation	FAITH Motivation	FORTUNE Motivation
TIGHT-FISTED Hands	OPEN-Handed	GRASPING Hands
EMPTY Rewards	ETERNAL Rewards	EARTHLY Rewards
Miserly	Manage	More
Giving is DRUDGERY	Giving is a DELIGHT	Giving is a DUTY
God is BROKE	God is your PROVIDER	God is a MAGIC GENIE

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Recommended: [NAEfinancialhealth.org](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org) resources and courses, [GenerousLifeDevo.org](http://GenerousLifeDevo.org)

## 10 Ways Christians Learn to Be Generous

- 1 Parents & Family
- 2 Preaching & Worship Services
- 3 Generosity Bible Devotionals
- 4 \$\$ Courses, Classes & Groups
- 5 Resources Handouts, Books, Booklets, Videos, Audio & Online
- 6 Confs, Seminars & Events
- 7 Ministry Experiences & Passions
- 8 Friends, Peers & Testimonies
- 9 Giving Opportunities & Requests
- 10 Professional Advisors Charity, Tax, CPA, Estate, Attorney,

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## Money Mindset vs. Kingdom Living

**Getting**

**Money is the Answer**

**Wanting**  **Keeping**

**Receiving**  **Sharing**

**God Is My Provider**

**Contentment**

Matthew 6:19-34, Psalm 23, 1 Timothy 6:6-11, Ecc 2:26, 5:10

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Recommended: 6-Session God Is Your Provider Course at [NAEfinancialhealth.org/pfoverview](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/pfoverview) or 1-Session Bless Your Finances at [NAEfinancialhealth.org/byf](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/byf) or both courses are at [NAEfinancialhealth.org/onlinetraining](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/onlinetraining).  
God Is Your Provider Videos/Kindle eBook at [kluth.org/bookmark.pdf](http://kluth.org/bookmark.pdf),

## 10 Ways God Provides for Pastors & Christians

1 <b>Paycheck Income</b>	2 <b>Extra Income</b>	3 <b>Extra Cash Gift Cards \$ Points</b>	4 <b>Reduce Expenses</b>	5 <b>People's Help &amp; Hospitality</b>
6 <b>Needed Items</b>	7 <b>Sell or Give Unneeded Items</b>	8 <b>Stored Up Resources</b>	9 <b>External Resources</b>	10 <b>Miracle Provisions</b>

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Recommended: Access this video at [NAEfinancialhealth.org/trainingvideos](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/trainingvideos) and the resources listed with teaching slide #4.

## 10 Ways God Provides for Churches

1 <b>Budgets</b>	2 <b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	3 <b>Designated Giving &amp; Campaigns</b>	4 <b>Fees, Sales, Rents &amp; Services</b>	5 <b>Reserves, Savings &amp; Investments</b>
6 <b>Sell or Give Unneeded Items</b>	7 <b>Manpower: Staff &amp; Volunteers</b>	8 <b>Donated or Discounted Products &amp; Services</b>	9 <b>Donated Assets, Bequests &amp; Property</b>	10 <b>Miracle Provisions</b>

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Recommended: Access this video at [NAEfinancialhealth.org/trainingvideos](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/trainingvideos),  
ECFA Seminar Video on 10 Ways God Provides for Churches and Ministries at [kluth.org/10-ways.pdf](http://kluth.org/10-ways.pdf)

## Exponential Generosity for Christians

### 7 Keys to Joyful Living & Giving

- 1 **SUBMIT** yourself and all you have to the LORD
- 2 **STUDY** the Scriptures on finances & generosity
- 3 **SEE** what God has given you
- 4 **SET ASIDE** aside resource to give
- 5 **SYSTEMATICALLY** give
- 6 **SPONTANEOUSLY** give as God prompts you
- 7 **SIMPLIFY** your life to be more generous

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## Exponential Generosity for Churches

### 5 Keys to Growing Givers & Giving

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|--|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1<br><b>INSTRUCT</b><br>with<br>Scriptures | 2<br><b>INFLUENCE</b><br>with<br>Resources | 3<br><b>INVOLVE</b><br>with Collection<br>Systems &<br>Campaigns | 4<br><b>INSPIRE</b><br>with<br>Stories | 5<br><b>IGNITE</b><br>with<br>Vision |
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*You are generous because of your faith. Philemon 1:6*

*See that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:2*

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## Exponential Generosity for Communities

### Bless Your Community with #40DaysOfGenerosity

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|--|---|--|---|
| 1<br><b>WORD</b><br>40-Day<br>Generosity<br>Devotional | 2<br><b>WHISPERS</b><br>& promptings<br>of the<br>Holy Spirit | 3<br><b>WORKS</b><br>of God's<br>people in your<br>community | 4<br><b>WITNESS</b><br>#PayItForward<br>Cards & God's<br>Love Video |
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*Let your good works shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16*

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Recommended: [GodsLoveforYou.com](http://GodsLoveforYou.com), [LovingOurCommunity.org](http://LovingOurCommunity.org), [MovementDay.com](http://MovementDay.com)

## 7 Ways to Properly Care for Pastors & Church Staff

### Best Practices for Church Boards & Leaders

- 1 **PAY** using clergy/staff compensation research
- 2 **PLAN** an annual Bless Your Pastor/Staff effort
- 3 **PROVIDE** employee benefits
- 4 **PROPERLY SET UP** expense reimbursements
- 5 **PROVIDE & PROTECT** time off and time away
- 6 **PROPERLY APPROVE** housing allowances
- 7 **PLAN** an annual review (past year, pay & plans)

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Recommended: Access this training video at [NAEfinancialhealth.org/trainingvideos](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/trainingvideos),  
Article: [NAE.net/7-ways-to-bless-your-pastor](http://NAE.net/7-ways-to-bless-your-pastor), [ChurchSalary.com](http://ChurchSalary.com), [CompStudy.Lifeway.com](http://CompStudy.Lifeway.com), [MinistryPay.com](http://MinistryPay.com)

## Easy as 1-2-3 to Bless Your Pastor & Staff

- 1 **CHOOSE** and distribute a 50 Ways to Bless Your Pastor (& Staff) flyer 
- 2 **COLLECT** an appreciation offering or give a year-end or Christmas bonus
- 3 **CELEBRATE** your pastor (and staff) publicly


*Those who are taught the word of God should provide for their teachers, sharing all good things with them. Show show your deep appreciation for those who minister among you. Galatians 6:6, 1 Thess 5:14*

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Recommended: Access this training at [NAEfinancialhealth.org/trainingvideos](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/trainingvideos). Go to [BlessYourPastor.org](http://BlessYourPastor.org) for Easy as 1-2-3 to Bless Your Pastor (& Staff) free materials in English, Spanish and other translations

## 3 Easiest Way to Get 4, 5 & 6-Figure Gifts

- 1 **Bless Your Church 14-Minute Leaders Training Video** 
- 2 **Bless Your Church Brochure & Free Legacy Organizer**
- 3 **Free or discounted help with wills and asset/estate/legacy giving and bequests**

*Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9*

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# Best Practices Online Resources and Courses

## Financial Health

### Online Courses

Our six-session grant-funded courses include:

- Online assessment survey
- 40-day Devotional
- Video teaching
- Planning calendar
- Best Practices
- Nationally recognized resources

The one-session courses are selected portions of the six-session course that can be completed independently.

### Personal Finances

These online courses will help individuals and couples of any age develop a customized plan to improve their financial health.

- **God Is Your Provider**, Six-Session
- **Bless Your Finances**, One-Session

### Church Generosity

These online courses are for church pastors and leaders to use during regularly scheduled meetings. This material will help churches of all sizes create a customized 12-month calendar to improve their church's generosity.

- **Church Generosity**, Six-Session
- **Bless Your Pastor**, One-Session
- **Bless Your Church** (Legacy Bequests), One-Session
- **40-day Generous Life Devotional**, One-Session

Access these courses at

[NAEfinancialhealth.org/onlinelearning](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/onlinelearning)

<b>PERSONAL FINANCES</b> for Pastors/Spouses 33 Best Practices & 190+ Online Resources	
Financial Goals	
1	Bible-based financial training
2	Written budget/spending plan
3	Record-keeping software or system
4	Compensation research
5	Financial goals – 1, 3, 5, 10+ yrs
6	Financial resources/advisors
7	Free credit score/report
8	Net worth updated annually
9	Current will/estate plans
10	Financial personalities
11	Monthly, quarterly, annual plans
12	Extra income sources
Lifestyle Expenditures	
13	Give to God as your first priority
14	Affordable place to live
15	No car payments
16	Be “in agreement”
17	Pray together on \$ needs/decisions
18	God is bigger than money
19	Save money and get good deals
20	Train children in \$ matters
Debt/Borrowing	
21	Understand the dangers of debt
22	Understand rules about borrowing
23	Systematic plans to pay off debt
Savings/Ins/Inv/Retirement	
24	\$1000+ emergency fund
25	Understand savings vs. investing
26	Regular savings for future items
27	Economical health coverages
28	Review insurance needs/pricing
29	Save for children – college/career
30	Retirement financial planning
31	Retirement lifestyle planning
32	Info/instructions for spouse
33	End-of-this-life wishes & bequests
At <a href="http://NAEfinancialhealth.org">NAEfinancialhealth.org</a> , you will find these resources and related courses.	

<b>CHURCH GENEROSITY</b> for Pastors/Leaders 37 Best Practices & 170+ Online Resources	
Worship Services	
1	Financial/Generosity preaching
2	Weekly generosity verse
3	Leader's generosity prayer
4	Songs on giving/generosity/serving
5	Testimony or teaching videos
6	Digital giving available
7	Giving envelopes available
8	Finance/generosity guest speaker
Teaching Materials	
9	Financial courses/classes/groups
10	30/40 Day generosity devotionals
11	Videos on website or eNewsletters
12	Flyers, cartoons, bulletin inserts
13	Legacy/wills/trust initiatives
Donation Administration	
14	Online/EFT giving
15	Digital giving text, phone APP
16	Donated assets gifts-in-kind info
17	Giving statements sent out
18	Giving statements add'l materials
19	Communicate w/new givers
20	“As God Provides” projects
21	Treasurer's report on giving statistics
22	Policies document
23	Training for pastor, staff, leaders
Assistance/Guidance	
24	Church family benevolence
25	Community benevolence
26	Budget/debt coaches/counselors
27	Unemployed/underemployed help
28	Financial professional referrals
29	Ministry to giving leaders
Collections/Campaigns	
30	Annual stewardship emphasis
31	Pastor/s appreciation offering
32	Benevolence offerings
33	Missions offerings
34	Building or renovation projects
35	Year-End giving emphasis
36	"As God Provides" projects
37	Community outreach

# Church Generosity 12-Month Planning Calendar

Use this calendar, the [Church Generosity Best Practices Worksheet](#) and the videos at [NAEfinancialhealth.org/onlinetraining](http://NAEfinancialhealth.org/onlinetraining) to identify the top ways you can improve your church's financial health and generosity over the next 6-12 months with God's help. Put a check mark by the numbers you are currently doing and circle the numbers of best practices you want to learn more about. Then use these materials and leadership videos as a regular agenda item during regularly scheduled committee meetings. Prayerfully decide the Best Practices you want to add or improve at your church. Put the initials in the "Who?" box of the people that agree to do further research and report back to the group. In most churches, leaders will usually agree on 5-10 Best Practices they would like to consider putting into the calendar in the coming year.

#	BEST PRACTICES	Who?	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12
<b>Worship Services</b>														
1	Financial/Generosity preaching													
2	Weekly generosity verse													
3	Leaders generosity prayer													
4	Giving/generosity/serving songs													
5	Testimony or teaching videos													
6	Digital giving available													
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9	Financial courses/classes/groups													
10	Generosity devotionals													
11	Videos on website or e-newsletters													
12	Flyers, cartoons, bulletin insert													
13	Legacy/wills/trust initiatives													
<b>Donations/Administration</b>														
14	Online/EFT giving													
15	Digital giving text, phone app													
16	Donated assets gifts-in-kind info													
17	Giving statements sent out													
18	Giving statements add'l materials													
19	Communicate w/new givers, etc.													
20	"As God Provides" projects													
21	Treasurer's giving report #'s report													
22	Policies document													
23	Training for pastor, staff, leaders													
<b>Assistance/Guidance</b>														
24	Church family benevolence													
25	Community benevolence													
26	Budget/debt coaches/counselors													
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36	"As God Provides" projects													
37	Community outreach													



**You see your pastor and church staff  
working tirelessly to bless you and others.  
Now it's time to bless them!**

To access this sheet, visit [BlessYourPastor.org/123](https://BlessYourPastor.org/123) or  
[BlessYourPastor.org/123spanish](https://BlessYourPastor.org/123spanish) for the Spanish version.

**Bless Your Pastor** is ready to partner with your church today!  
**It's as easy as 1-2-3!**

**1 CHOOSE** which FREE *50 Creative Ways to Bless Your Pastor* ideas list you'll share with families in your church, and make sure everyone is given this great opportunity to show their love and appreciation! You can share the ideas list through your church bulletin/newsletter, email or snail mail — you choose!

*50 Creative Ways  
to Bless Your Pastor*

[8.5 x 11 sheet](#)  
[2 sided bulletin insert](#)  
[trifold brochure](#)

*50 Creative Ways to  
Bless Your Pastor & Staff*

[8.5 x 11 sheet](#)  
[2 sided bulletin insert](#)  
[trifold brochure](#)

*Suggested letter or email  
from the church board*

[Bless Your Pastor](#)  
[Bless Your Pastor & Staff](#)

**2 COLLECT** an Appreciation Offering from the congregation OR have the church board approve pastor or pastor-staff bonuses. A great time to collect an offering or give a bonus is during October Pastor Appreciation Month, Thanksgiving or Christmas.

**3 CELEBRATE** your pastor (or pastor and staff) publicly in one or more of the following ways: Collect cards/notes (optional: gifts cards can be included); honor and pray for them in the church service; plan an appreciation meal; make an appreciation slide show; ask children draw pictures or write notes; and/or encourage people to post a thank you on social media about why they love their pastor.

#### **EXTRA GIFT! \$100 for your Senior Pastor!**

If this is the first year for your church to complete all 3 steps of the Bless Your Pastor campaign and if you collected at least \$100 through an Appreciation Offering, we will send your senior pastor a \$100 Amazon gift card after you fill out the form at [BlessYourPastor.org/giftcard](https://BlessYourPastor.org/giftcard).

\*Limited to the first 2,000 newly participating churches that apply online between Aug. 1, 2021 and Jan. 15, 2022. Only one \$100 gift card will be sent per church.

#### **Additional Resources**

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##### **NAE Financial Health Website**

Assessment surveys, resources and online training for pastors, church boards & leaders  
[NAEfinancialhealth.org](https://NAEfinancialhealth.org)

**Bless  
your  
Finances**

##### **Personal Finances Training**

Stay-at-home, interactive video training for individuals and couples seeking to improve their financial health  
[BlessYourFinances.org](https://BlessYourFinances.org)

\*Bless Your Pastor is a grant-funded movement and national media campaign organized by the National Association of Evangelicals to empower, encourage and equip Christians and churches to show and share God's love for their pastor and church staff. In 2019-2020, the NAE provided free Bless Your Pastor materials for thousands of churches from all denominations and affiliations and Amazon gift cards to 2,000 senior pastors in the United States/Canada/Puerto Rico. This movement is co-sponsored by many national denominations, associations, businesses, ministries, broadcasters and publications. For more information, visit [BlessYourPastor.org](https://BlessYourPastor.org).

## FAITHFULLY PRAY

The best way to help your pastor and church staff is to pray for:

- Intimacy with God
- Marital love and unity
- Spiritual protection
- Divine guidance
- Emotional and physical well-being
- Parenting skills
- Genuine friendships
- Financial provisions
- Daily wisdom
- Personal encouragement
- Helpful mentors
- Effective ministry
- Time management
- Quality study and prayer times
- Helpful training and books
- Leadership skills

## FONDNESS

- Let them know how God is specifically using them to bless, help and teach you to follow God.
- Remember their birthdays and anniversaries with a card, gift or social media post.
- Show appreciation for their strengths and give grace in their weaknesses.

## FREEDOM

- Give their spouses the freedom to be themselves and to find their own niche at the church.
- Let their children “be kids,” care about them, and pray for them.

## FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

- Prepare meals or baked goods for them (ask about favorite meals or certain foods to avoid).
- Give them gift cards for restaurants, fast food or coffee shops.

- Give them food from your garden, orchard, hunting or fishing trips.
- Invite them and their families to your home or a restaurant for a meal.
- Invite them and their families to go fishing, sailing, camping, hunting, to the gym, concerts, plays or sporting events. Offer to cover some or all of the costs.
- Offer your pastor and staff members sports, concert or event tickets.
- If you have a vacation home, timeshare, recreational vehicle or camping gear, offer to let them use it.
- Share frequent flyer miles that can be used for conferences, vacation, mission trips or holiday travel.
- Offer them the use of your dependable vehicle for a holiday family trip or vacation.

## FREELY SHARE

Share your skills and time to help with any of the following items:

- Babysitting
- Auto maintenance and repair
- Home repairs, maintenance and projects
- Decorating, painting and wallpapering
- Haircuts and beauty treatments
- Medical, dental and chiropractic care
- Lawn and garden upkeep
- Legal, estate and financial services
- Tutoring or lessons for children

If needed, communicate in advance if there are any out-of-pocket costs the pastor or church staff members will need to cover (e.g., parts for a car repair or materials for home repair).

## FINANCES

Faithfully give to your church, so your pastor and church staff can be properly compensated. Beyond the church salary, the Lord may prompt certain individuals to provide personal funding to help with any of the following items:

- Bless Your Pastor & Staff offering
- Marriage retreat costs
- Christian camp fees
- Back to school fees, clothing or supplies
- Children’s college tuition
- Mission trips
- Lessons or tutoring
- Family or couple’s vacation or getaway
- Pastor’s conference, seminar or training
- Seminary courses or sabbatical
- Student loan debt
- Retirement savings
- Medical expenses

## PAY IT FORWARD

Most people have heard about “paying it forward.” Do you know you can also pay it forward by passing along possessions you no longer use or need? Possible items could include appliances, furniture, musical equipment, clothing, sports equipment or electronics. Ask if the items you may have available are actually needed and wanted by the pastor or church staff members. Also, be sure they are in good condition and will not need costly repairs.

*Note: Please be prepared to graciously allow your pastor or church staff to decline anything that you offer. Also note that most items mentioned here are not normally tax-deductible to the giver, but are to be given out of gratefulness to God for what he has given to you.*

## Legacy Bequest Notification

I/we want to let you know that (ministry name) \_\_\_\_\_ has been included in our estate plans.

Here are some important details or instructions concerning this bequest:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Indicating the amount is optional.*

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*This notification is not a pledge or legally binding, but is for informational purposes only and is based on current intentions and circumstances. All final bequests will be based on signed estate planning documents or bequests my family may choose to make in my memory.*

You have permission to contact the following individuals to inquire about this legacy bequest after my/our homegoing:

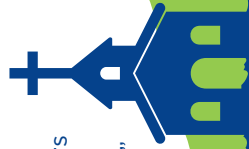
Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission is given to include my/our names as legacy givers to this ministry:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Use "Anonymous"



## 4 Action Steps for Your Legacy Wishes to be Honored

*It is important to understand that this document is for planning purposes only. While this signed document may be helpful for your spouse or family to honor your bequest wishes, you will need to complete Step 4 to make your wishes legally binding.*

### STEP 1

Complete and sign the **Legacy Bequest Planning Form**. Ask your another person to sign to affirm your wishes.

### STEP 2

Put this document with your legal records. As needed, share a copy of these bequests with trusted family member/s.

### STEP 3

Send the **Legacy Bequest Notification** to those who are receiving bequests.

### STEP 4

*Option 1:* Choose to name bequest recipient/s in beneficiary payouts of insurance policies or other accounts. No legal fees are required to do this.

*Option 2:* Share your wishes with an experienced Christian attorney, estate planner or financial expert. Request their assistance to incorporate your wishes into your estate plans and seek their counsel on the best way to maximize your gifts for bequests and loved ones while reducing taxes.

*For further assistance, please contact our church or a Christian legal or financial professional.*

# Bless your Church

and God's Work

## Legacy Bequests

A helpful way to honor God with what he has given you over your lifetime



Bless Your Church is an initiative of NAE Financial Health, a project of the National Association of Evangelicals and denominations, designed to help congregations and Christians everywhere.

Dear church family,

Proverbs 3:9 says, "Honor the Lord with your wealth." The most generous gifts most people will ever be able to make to the Lord's work is in the later years of their lives or upon their homegoing to heaven. If you are open to honoring the Lord by remembering our church and other ministries with a planned gift or estate bequest, we invite you to prayerfully review and fill out the **Legacy Bequest Planning Form** (below) for your records.

In order to keep accurate church records, please send us a **Legacy Bequest Notification** (on the back). With your permission, we will include your name/s in our list of legacy givers at our church to encourage others to also include us in their planned giving or estate plans. Please contact the church office if you have questions or if we can serve you in any way.

## Legacy Bequest Planning Form

As part of my homegoing to heaven, I would like to honor my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is the one who gave me strength, abilities, possessions, relationships and financial resources over my lifetime. I now wish to advance God's work and lay up treasure in heaven through the following God-honoring bequests.

### The finances needed for these bequests can come from the following source/s (circle):

**A** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Proceeds    **D** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement    **G** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Donations  
**B** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Accounts    **E** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Property Sales    **H** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sale of Possessions  
**C** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Investments    **F** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Assets    **I** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Additional details: \_\_\_\_\_

**I prayerfully reflected on the following people and organizations that served me and my family, or that I supported in my lifetime (e.g., churches, ministers, missionaries, denominations, schools, camps, ministries, nonprofits, sponsored child, etc.) in making these bequests. I now have prayerfully chosen the following that I want to remember with a God-honoring legacy gift:**

	Legacy Bequest for (List church, ministry, etc.)	Source (A to I)	Amount (\$ or %)	Indicate if funds are to be Undesignated (i.e., use where needed most) or for a specific purpose.
1				
2				
3				
4				

### Any additional information or instructions that will be helpful concerning these bequests:

My Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse should fill out own form if wishes are different.)

Affirmed with Signature of Spouse, Family Member or Friend: \_\_\_\_\_



## God's Instructions

Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best.

**-PROVERBS 3:9 MSG**

Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

**-1 CHRONICLES 29:14 NLT**

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

**-MATTHEW 6:20 ESV**

Beware lest you say in your heart, "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth." You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth.

**-DEUTERONOMY 8:17-18 ESV**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give.

**-2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 NIV**

All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God.

**-DEUTERONOMY 16:17 NLT**

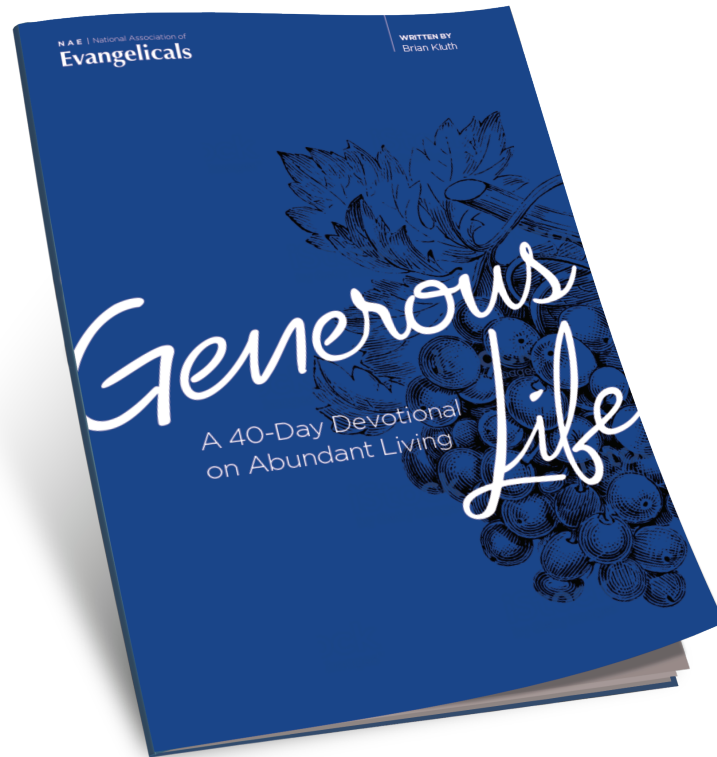
Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.

**-ROMANS 14:12 NLT**

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

**-MATTHEW 25:23 ESV**

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