

Legacy Planning | Don Reed

## **Legacy Planning**

The two most important legacies to establish in your personal finances are:

- A. <u>Preparing your children</u> for their wise financial management
- B. Completing your practice of wise lifetime financial practices in your estate planning

# There are only three places for your 'remainder resources' to go upon your death:

#### Family/Heirs

Prov. 13:22

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children.

#### Charity

Matt. 6:20-21

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### **Government/Taxes**

Matt 22:21

Then Jesus said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

## The Mandatory Need for Legacy/Estate Planning

Peace of Mind

Provision

Protection

## **Estate Planning**

- God holds us accountable for the distribution of our 'remainder resources/assets'
- Most people will have a larger <u>estate</u> than they anticipate
- Distribution of our estate should include both family and <u>Kingdom</u> needs

## Responsibility to family

- First of all Guardian for minor children!!!
- Sharing God's <u>generosity</u> with your family members/heirs - gifts from your lifetime accumulation of assets - cash, real estate, stocks/bonds, etc.

Ezra 9:12b

that you may be strong and eat the good things of the land and leave it to your children as an everlasting inheritance.

## Responsibility to family

Care for individuals with <u>special needs</u>

Distribute <u>wisely</u> and <u>individually</u> based on need

If I keep managing money the way I am currently handling it, will I be able to leave an inheritance for my children and their children?



## Responsibility/Opportunity for Kingdom investing

#### Your local church

Fellowship Foundation, etc.

#### **Christian higher education**

Training the next generation of Christian leaders

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#### **Worldwide concerns**

Poverty, literacy, Water, Bible Translation, Church
 Planting, Leadership Training, etc.

#### Other Christian ministries

Radio, Evangelism, Youth, Adoption Services,
 Urban Ministries, Trafficking, etc.

### The Question:

If I keep investing in charitable giving to my church, missions, and other Kingdom opportunities like I have been doing, how much 'treasure' will I have laid up in heaven?

'When God takes you home, will you be going toward your treasure or away from them?

## Motivations for Kingdom Investing

#### <u>Obedience</u>

Heb. 13:16

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

### <u>Blessing</u>

Luke 6:38

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

#### **Eternal Rewards**

I Tim. 6:19

In this way (being generous and willing to share) they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of life that is truly life.

## **Looking for Hugs!!**

From the Father - ...well done...

From your <u>children</u> – one <u>month</u> after you leave

From the <u>nations</u> - when we stand before <u>Christ</u>

## **Creative giving ideas**

- <u>Life</u> insurance policy with one or more ministries as beneficiaries – tax free
- IRA with ministry as beneficiary tax free
- Stocks, bonds, real estate, etc. for <u>Kingdom</u>
  causes tax free

## Avoiding, not evading taxes!!

### **Theme Verse**

Rom. 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

"Live like no one else today so you can live like no one else tomorrow!!"

Ramsey

### Resources to Consider

**Estate Design Seminar** 

Community Group Study

Compass – Navigating Your Finances... – Kelly Austin

Dave Ramsey – Total Money Makeover, Financial Peace University

Freedom 5 One - Personal Coaching - Chris Haas

