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Without This, Generosity Never Happens

Here's a secret: Generous people find it fun to discover new ways to give. This joyful pursuit of new opportunities is one of the reasons they keep giving!

But for the endless varieties of giving, there remains a single source: love.

For example, David once gave land to Mephibosheth, one of Saul's grandsons (2 Samuel 9). As new king of Israel, he could have viewed Saul's relative as a serious threat to his rule. Instead, David chose to be generous.

Why? Because David had promised Saul's son Jonathan that, come what may, he would provide for his family. (1 Samuel 20:14) Threat or no threat, he would prove his love for his friend Jonathan by showing uncommon kindness.

Giving land to Mephibosheth wasn't drudgery or even obligation for David. It was an act of love.

Indeed, David would make generosity the hallmark of his rule to demonstrate how God's love had changed his life. Above all, everything David had become and everything he owned was because he was loved by God.

Don't forget this is your story, too! God's love for you is proved once and for all through Jesus Christ. This is an everything-love against which nothing else can prevail. God's love cannot be stopped!

When you're truly loved, you hold on loosely to your stuff and give in as many ways as you can. The possibilities are endless!

And it all begins with love. Without it, generosity never happens. Ever.

A FOUNDATION OF JOY

How Clark and Joan Donnell Rediscovered the Joy of Family Giving

"I wasn't feeling the reward anymore." That's how Joan Donnell recalls the work of running her family's foundation. "Actually, some bitterness had grown," she recalls.

"It got complicated," adds her husband, Clark.

It wasn't always this way. "At first, it was really fun because we got to see ministries blessed with these gifts we were able to give," says Joan. "Over the years, however, it got to be a huge burden."

As the family's foundation treasurer, Joan was coordinating board grant recommendations, writing checks and collecting receipts. "We were giving to over 40 organizations every year," says Joan. "And that's overwhelming."

Reaching her breaking point, Joan decided to speak with her dad, who had set up the foundation. "I told him it was just too much work," she says, "that we either had to hire somebody, or figure out a different way to do this."

That's when the family reached out to Barnabas Foundation and learned about the Stewards Fund (donor-advised fund). "It was the perfect solution!" she exclaims.

The Stewards Fund provides Joan's family a streamlined solution for supporting all their favorite charities without the time or hassles of managing a family foundation.

"It's so easy," Joan emphasizes. "Once you set up your Stewards Fund account online and add the ministries you want to support, you just click the button. Then the checks get sent!"



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Clark and Joan have tremendous confidence in Barnabas Foundation's ability to steward their gifts well. "We can trust the gifts will be given in a biblical manner, and the investments are going to be handled wisely for us," says Joan.

Now the joy of giving is back for Clark and Joan. "It's more rewarding now," Joan says. "We can give with joyful hearts!"

Clark and Joan are still accomplishing the work of their family's foundation. "We want the money to really further the name of Jesus Christ and the Gospel," they say.

And now it's fun again.

Ask a Planner



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Q: Can I buy more time to make year-end gifts to my church and other charities?

A: Your concern is understandable! The holiday frenzy makes it challenging to thoroughly research charities, decide gift amounts and give any assets — all by December 31.

The Stewards Fund, Barnabas Foundation's donor-advised fund, is a convenient solution. Through it, you can give to Barnabas Foundation now to receive an immediate tax deduction, and then decide later how to recommend grants to the ministries close to your heart.

You establish a Stewards Fund by gifting cash, stock, real estate or other assets to Barnabas Foundation. Barnabas Foundation will invest the assets to grow your Stewards Fund, while ensuring your chosen ministries receive the amounts you designate.

The Stewards Fund also makes it easy to give to multiple charities, since you give to one account and then recommend how to distribute the funds.

Want to Know More?

To learn more about setting up a Stewards Fund account, contact Barnabas Foundation at info@BarnabasFoundation.com or call 888-448-3040.

THE FINAL WORD

"To the degree that you grasp the gospel, money will have no dominion over you. Think on God's costly grace in Christ until it changes you into a generous person."

—Timothy Keller

7 SMART & SAVVY TIPS FOR YEAR-END GIVING

As you make plans for year-end giving, maximize your impact by ensuring your gifts are made properly and in the most tax-effective manner.

Request your free copy of "7 Smart and Savvy Tips for Year-End Giving" by calling 888-448-3040, or email info@BarnabasFoundation.com.



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