### GIVING IS...

a recognition | James 1:17 a response | Phil 4:18b

a way to worship | Matt 2:11

a matter of heart | Matt 6:19-21

a sign of contentment | 1 Tim 6:6-9

to be faithful | Luke 16:10-13

to be joyful | 2 Cor 9:7

to be sacrificial | 2 Sam 24:24

to be planned | 2 Cor 9:6-7

to be regular | 1 Cor 16:1-2

commanded | Mal 3:8-10

The Lord blesses each person with gifts, abilities, relationships, and material blessings. He is the Owner, we are His Stewards.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it."
Psalm 24:1



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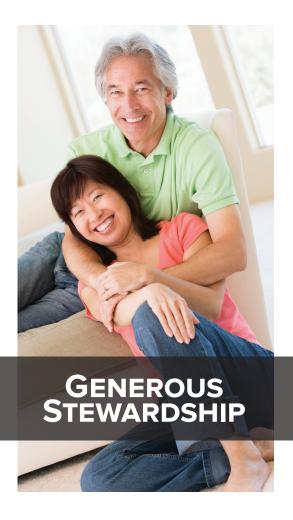
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## OVERVIEW OF GIVING OPTIONS





## WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**Planned Gifts:** The term planned gifts refers to specific strategies that benefit ministry at some point in the future while offering immediate benefits to you.



#### **CURRENT GIFTS**

A current gift is a gift that you make today with immediate benefits. There are several different ways for you to make a current gift to us.

Cash: A cash gift is usually the easiest and most convenient way to make a gift. We are able to make use of your cash gift right away and you receive a valuable income tax charitable deduction to offset your taxes on this year's return.

Securities: A gift of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds may provide you with an even greater tax benefit. If you have owned securities for more than one year and the value has increased, you can avoid capital gains tax and receive a charitable income tax deduction equal to the fair market value of your gift to us.

Real Estate: A gift of your real estate that has been held for more than a year also has the advantage of providing you with a charitable tax deduction based on the current value of the property, as well as enabling you to avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your property. We are ready to discuss residences, farms, undeveloped land, or vacation homes.



#### PLANNED GIFTS

Bequests: Next to writing a check, perhaps the best known vehicle for giving is the bequest. A bequest is a gift that is made through your will or trust and can establish your wishes today without relinquishing needed assets during your lifetime. Contact us for information on bequest giving options or to request the Christian Guide to Wills and Trusts.

Retirement Plans: Making future gifts from your IRA, 401(k)s, and similar plans is a great way to make a meaningful gift to the EFCA while producing signifcant tax savings for you and your heirs. You simply need to ask for a Change of Beneficiary form and indicate the amount or percentage your wish to provide to us. Many advisors suggest setting aside the amount for ministry in a separate account.

Life Insurance: Gifts of life insurance can be a convenient way to make a meaningful gift to support ministry. Contact us to learn seven popular ways to give while meeting personal goals.

# GIFTS THAT GENERATE INCOME FOR YOU

#### Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is a great example of how a gift to us can generate income for you. You transfer your cash or stock to us and we promise to make a fixed payment to you for life at a rate based on your age. In addition to the security of fixed income, you receive a charitable income tax deduction, and a portion of each of your annuity payments may be tax free. The deferred payment gift annuity, in which annuity payments are delayed for more than one year, offers rates that make it an attractive supplement to your retirement income.

#### Charitable Remainder Trust

The most versatile charitable giving tool, the charitable remainder trust (CRT), can help you avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your appreciated assets, generate regular increased income for you, provide you with a charitable income tax deduction and fulfill your stewardship objectives.

Your CRT will be invested income to produce and take advantage of investment growth opportunities.