



Planned Giving: A Theological Understanding

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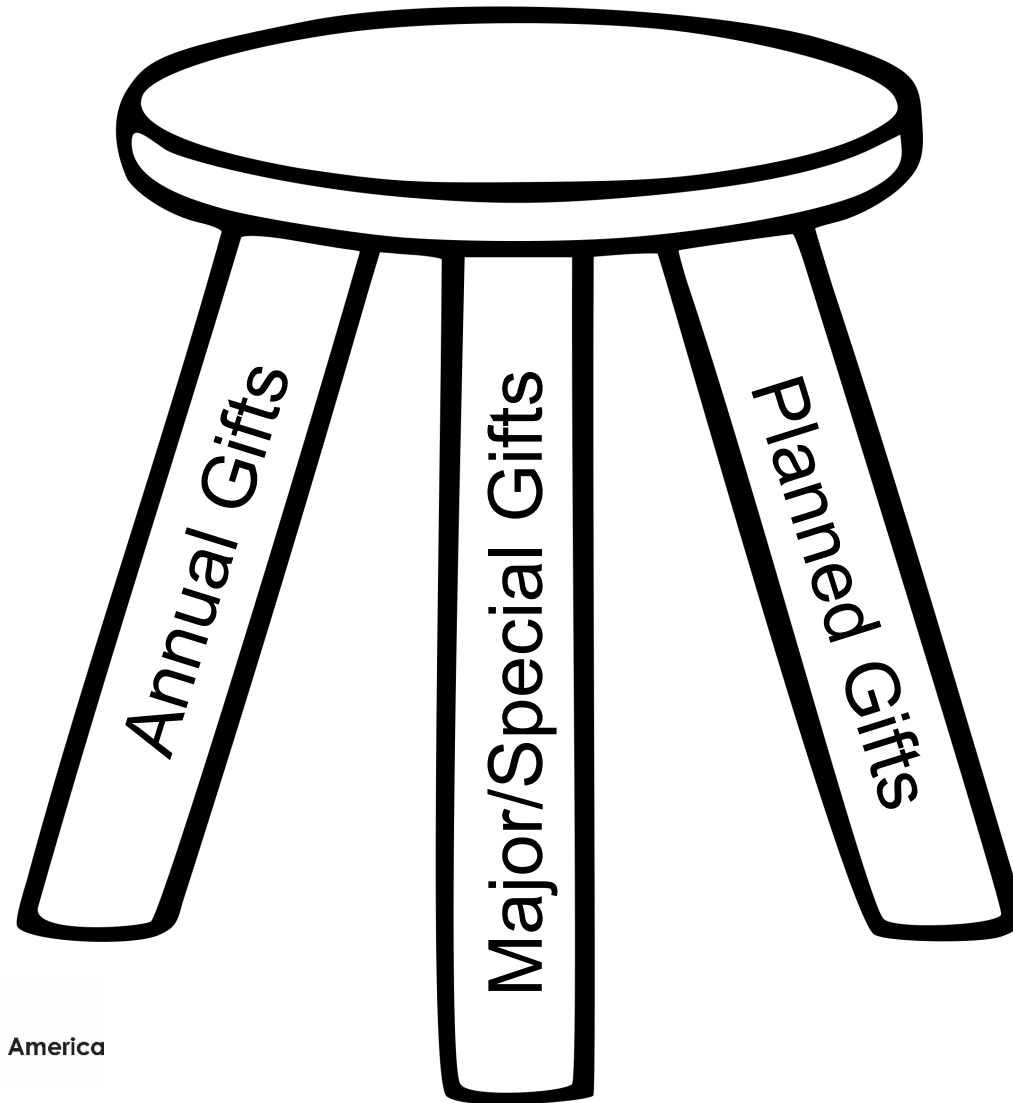
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- Who's In the Room
- ELCA & ELCA Foundation Intros



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Three-Legged Stool of Fundraising



Definitions



Annual Gift – Regularly given, unrestricted gifts to an organization.



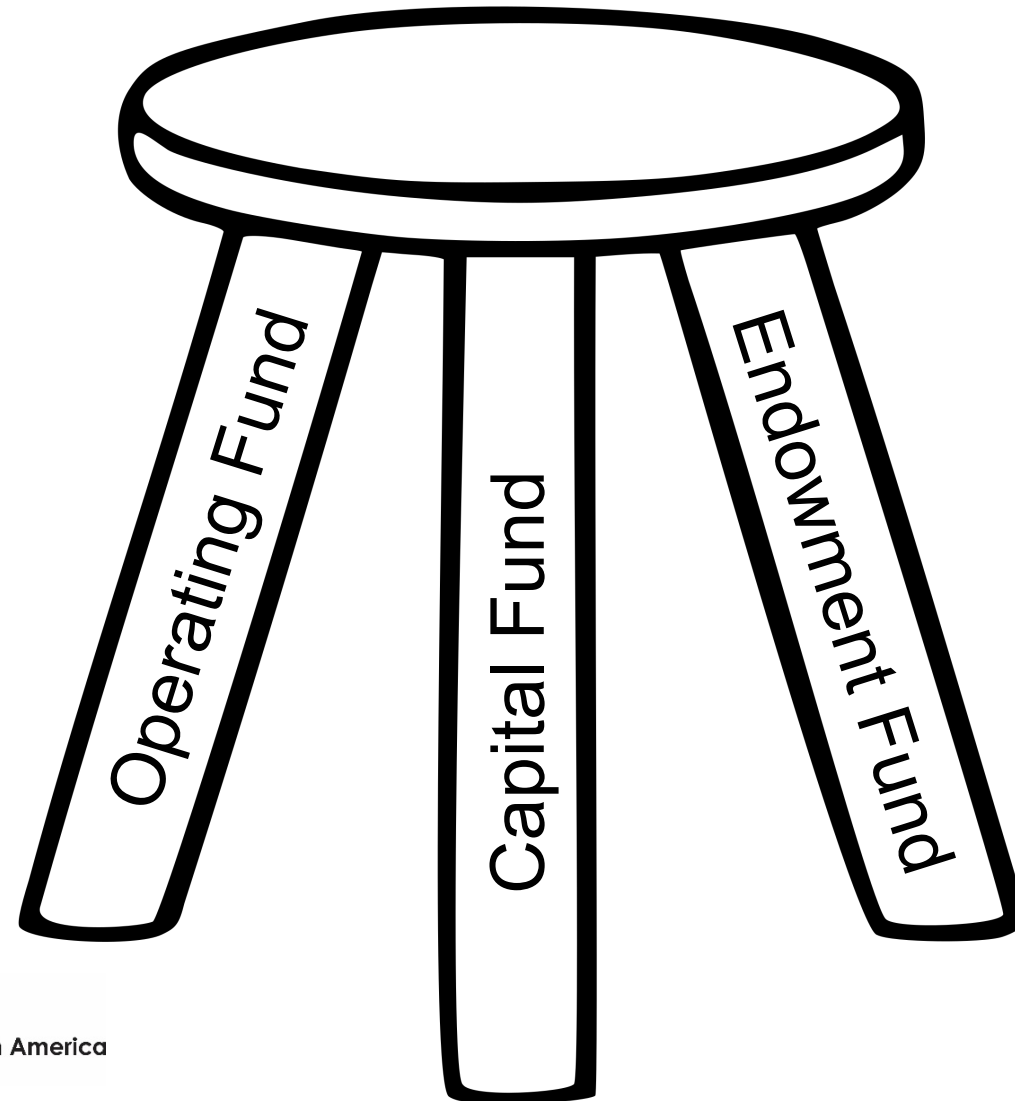
Major Gift – Special gift (one-time or pledged.) Often tied to a campaign and typically have a minimum value.



Planned Gift – Gift enacted now to be realized later.
Legacy/estate gift.



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Agenda

- Not everything is the same
- We are called to discern purpose
- We are called to trust
- Planning is about more than money
- Planned giving is about witnessing to our faith in the resurrection

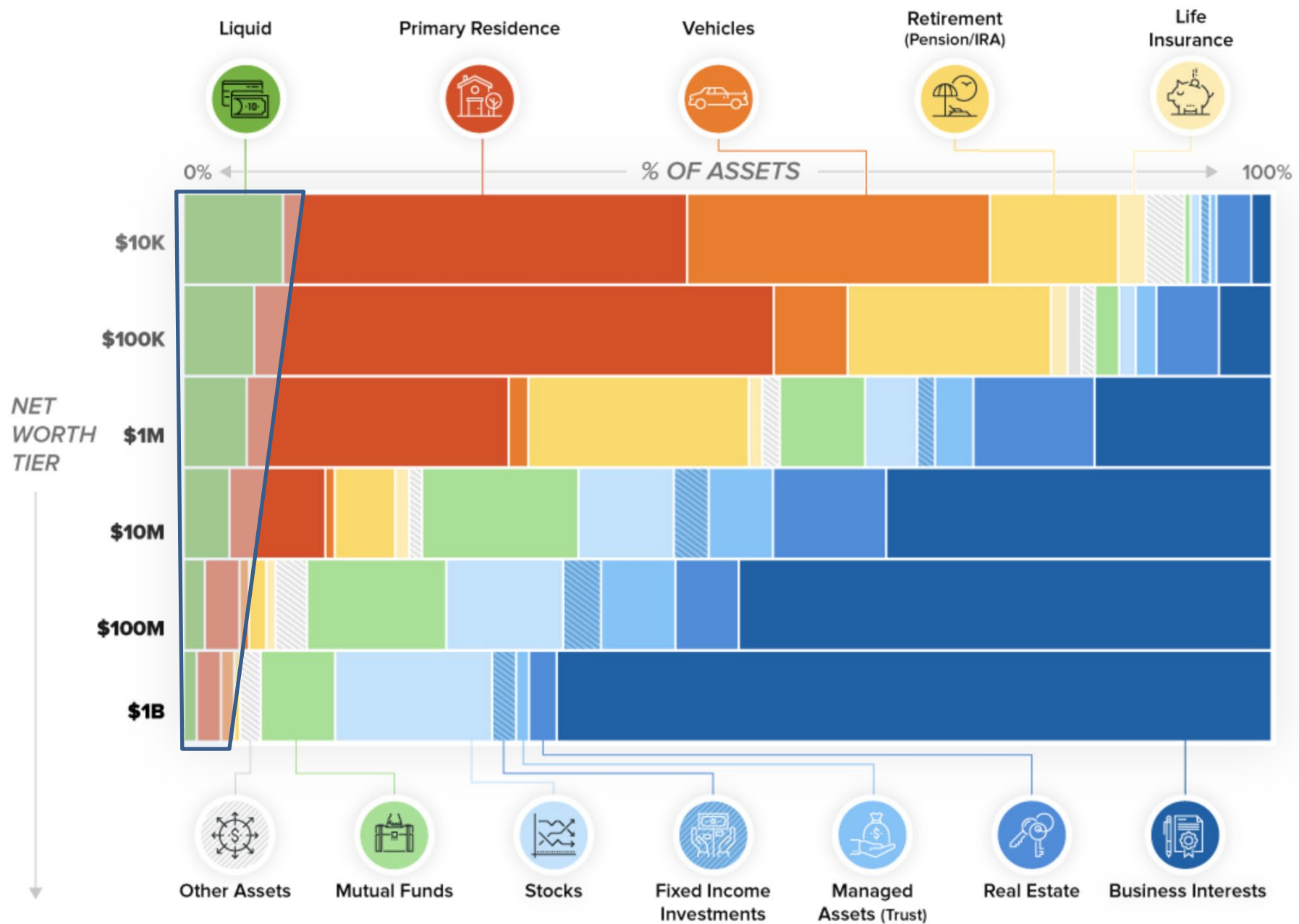
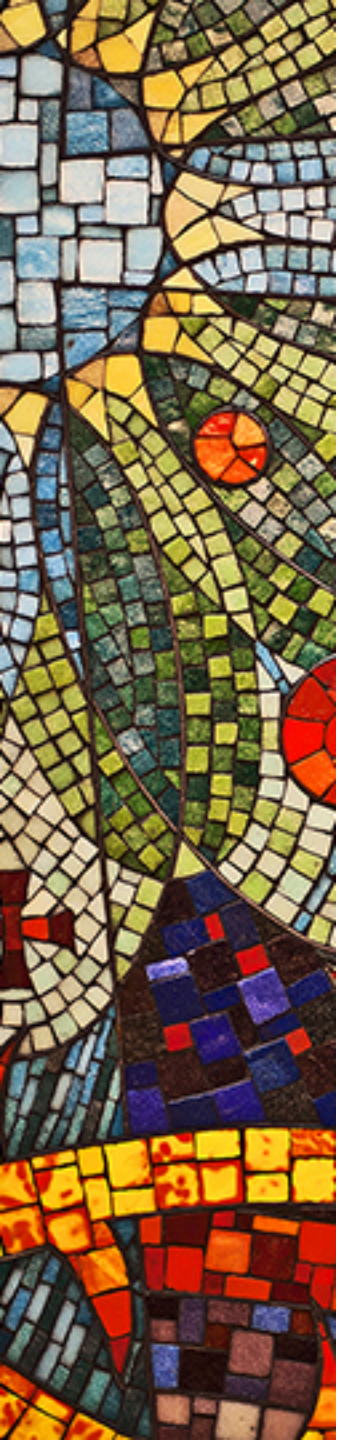


The LORD spoke to Moses: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you and you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall raise the sheaf before the LORD, that you may find acceptance; on the day after the sabbath the priest shall raise it. On the day when you raise the sheaf, you shall offer a lamb a year old, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD. And the grain offering with it shall be two-tenths of an ephah of choice flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire of pleasing odor to the LORD; and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, one-fourth of a hin. You shall eat no bread or parched grain or fresh ears until that very day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your settlements.

These are the appointed festivals of the LORD, which you shall celebrate as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD offerings by fire—burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day— apart from the sabbaths of the LORD, and apart from your gifts, and apart from all your votive offerings, and apart from all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.



“EACH ON ITS
PROPER DAY”





Called to Discernment – Not all the same

- Manna - Exodus 16:4-30
- Joseph & Egypt – Genesis 41:46-49
- First Fruits – Exodus 23:14-17
- Teachings of Jesus
 - Daily Bread
 - Do not worry about tomorrow





AND HE HUMBLLED YOU AND
LET YOU HUNGER AND
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THAT HE MIGHT MAKE YOU
KNOW THAT MAN DOES
NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE,
BUT MAN LIVES BY
EVERY WORD THAT COMES
FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.

DEUTERONOMY 8:3

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went through all the land of Egypt. During the seven plenteous years the earth produced abundantly. He gathered up all the food of the seven years when there was plenty in the land of Egypt, and stored up food in the cities; he stored up in every city the food from the fields around it. So Joseph stored up grain in such abundance—like the sand of the sea—that he stopped measuring it; it was beyond measure.



We are called to trust



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No one shall appear before me empty-handed.

You shall observe the festival of harvest, of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall observe the festival of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor. Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

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It's about more than money

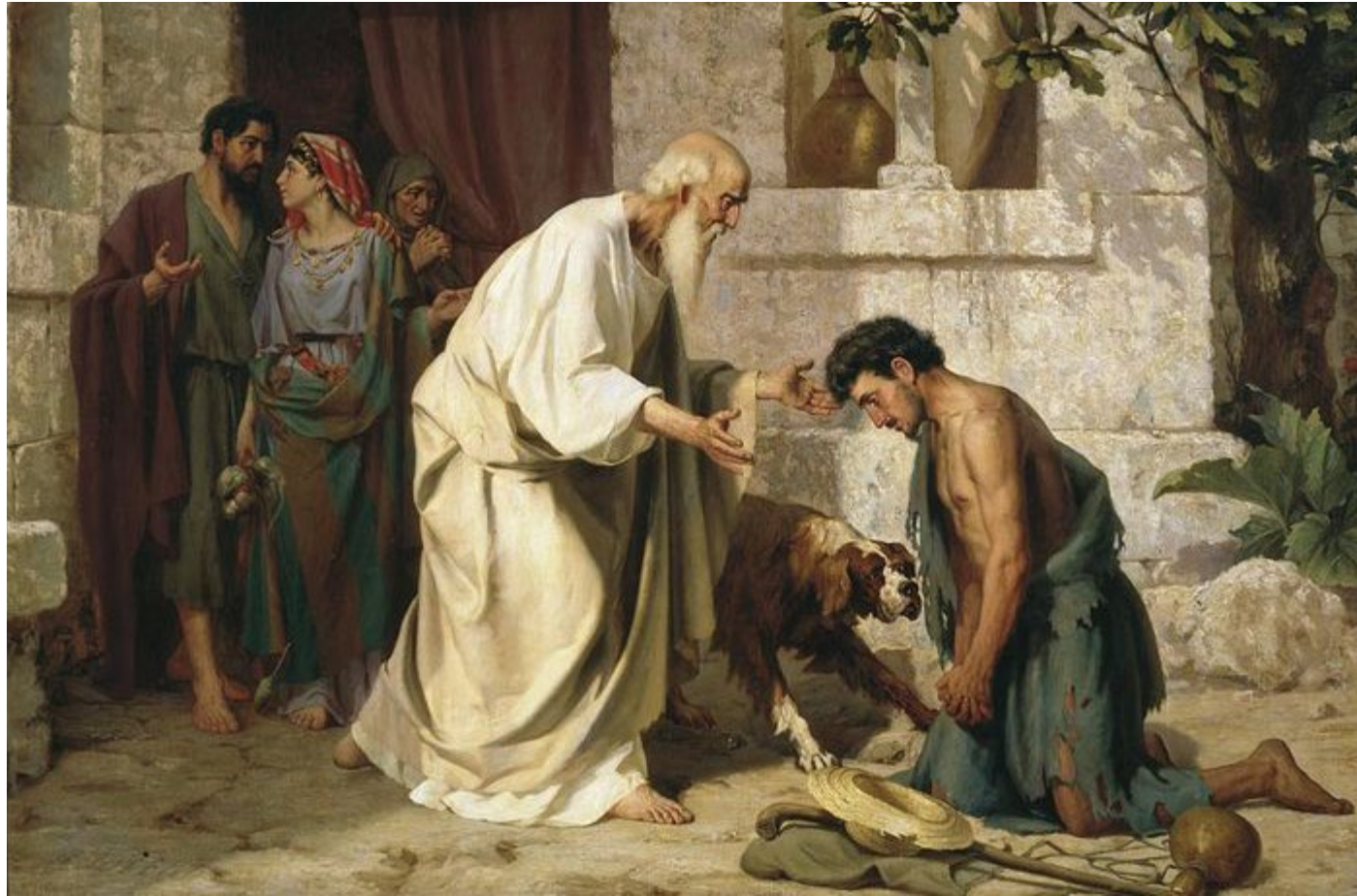


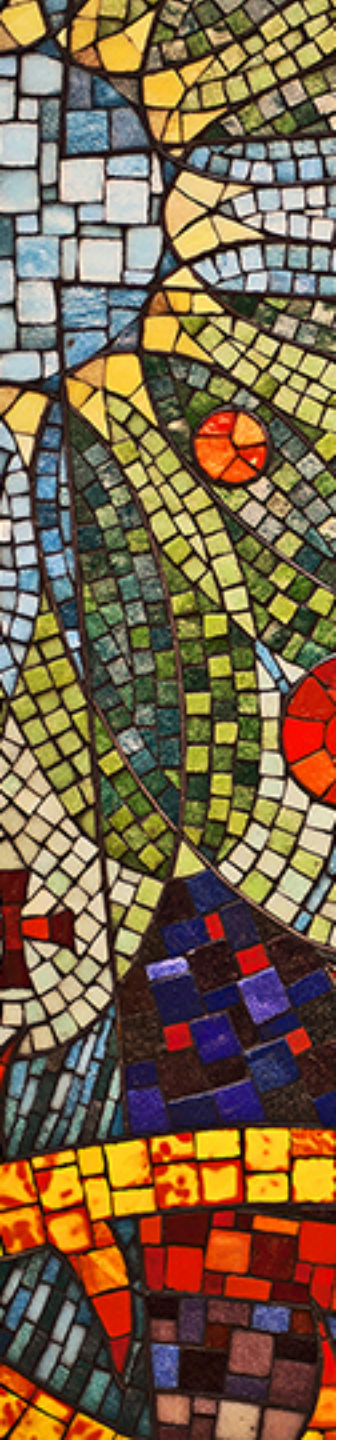
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Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-32





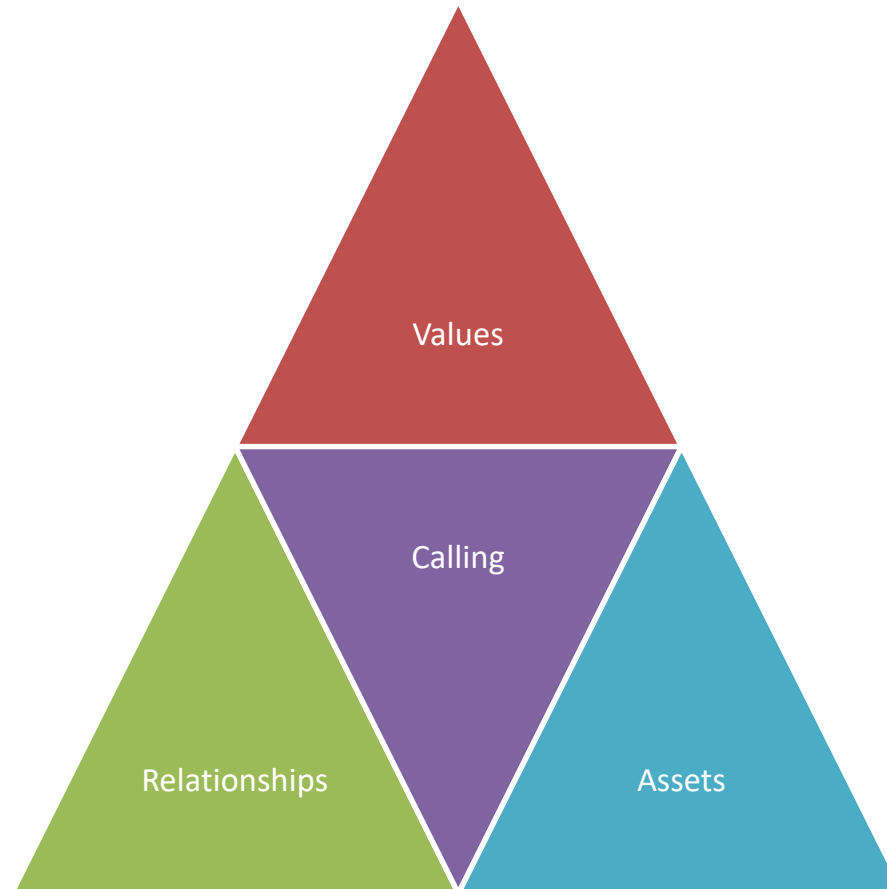
Proactively preparing family members requires resolving breakdowns in communication, identifying family values, developing a family wealth mission/purpose statement, aligning estate plans with the family wealth mission/purpose, establishing individual aspirations, identifying the needs and roles the family has, developing qualification and performance standards, and preparing family members who choose to fulfill those roles according to their interests and passions.

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Planned Giving is More than Money





It's a witness to our faith



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Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Questions?



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