

## Biblical Basis to support the Lord's work

Every Christian is encouraged to prayerfully consider naming ministry within their wills or other estate plans. There are numerous Biblical reasons for good stewards to do this.

1. **To prove or demonstrate my love for God.** "I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others." (NIV: 2 Corinthians 8:8)
2. **To help with the carrying out of the Great Commission.** (Matthew 28:19-20)
3. **To put faith into practice.** "We live by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)
4. **To abound in the grace of giving.** "But just as you excel in everything ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving."
5. **To encourage others in the grace of giving.** "For I know your eagerness to help ... and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action." (2 Corinthians 9:2)
6. **To experience the love of God in all its fullness.** "...for God loves a cheerful giver.: (2 Corinthians 9:6)
7. **To bring glory to God.** "...men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else." (2 Corinthians 9:13)
8. **To please God.** "...They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God." (Philippians 4:18)

At the EFCA Foundation, we value and praise the Lord for individuals and families who support the current ministry initiatives and the future vision of the Evangelical Free Church of America. Funds are used to support the EFCA's mission to *glorify God by multiplying healthy churches among all people.*

At the EFCA Foundation, we recognize that it is the work of the Holy Spirit that prompts Christians to give (John 15:4-5). We place the giver's relationship to God above our ministry's agenda. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). Our communications will be clear and honest; never coercive or manipulative.

We value cooperation and partnership throughout the EFCA movement. We encourage you to support your local church, district, camps, colleges, seminaries, and the various ministries of the EFCA national office. The EFCA's impact is realized in communities, states, our nation, and around the world. We believe that the joy-filled generosity of believers will fully fund God's work here on earth. (Matthew 6:10)

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**STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO PROVIDE A LEGACY GIFT**  
**Confidential and Non-Binding**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (eMail) \_\_\_\_\_

**As an indication of my/our support of the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA), I/we are pleased to indicate that it is my/our intention to provide a gift as the Lord allows as follows:**

**Description of Gift (type / value)**

- Bequest through will**
  - specific amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - percentage of estate \_\_\_\_\_
  - other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- Beneficiary designation**
  - savings or checking account
  - certificate of deposit
  - other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- Charitable trust (*select one*)**
  - unitrust
  - annuity trust
  - revocable trust
  - lead trust
  - other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- IRA or retirement plan (*please describe*)** \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (*please describe*)** \_\_\_\_\_

I/We  *have provided*  *will provide*  *choose not to provide* to the EFCA Foundation a copy of that portion of my/our wills(s) or other instrument that pertains to the Evangelical Free Church of America or other Evangelical Free Church ministry.

With the understanding that values are subject to change and that I/we are under absolutely no obligation to honor this an estate gift designation, at this time I/we estimate the value of my/our gift to be approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in today's dollars.

This is an update of a previously documented gift plan.

**Purpose of Future Gift**

- This gift is to be unrestricted and may be used where the need is greatest at the EFCA
- I/we wish to specify that the gift be used for the following purpose(s): \_\_\_\_\_