

# STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR



Someone recently told me about a meaningful experience he'd shared with his father as a young man. At that time, he had believed in Jesus, but he did not love Him.

The gentleman recalled how his father had placed his hand on his shoulder and said, "It's okay. When you are my age, you will come to love Jesus the way I do – and you will want to serve Him because of the way you love Him."

That statement was very powerful in this teenager's life. Today, as a father of adult children, he describes his relationship with the Lord as one filled with deep love.

Now, he is contemplating the legacy he and his wife will leave to their own children – and I had the privilege of discussing with them how their estate plan could help them communicate their values.

As we think about the future and the legacy we want to pass onto our families, most of us are more passionate about passing down our spiritual values than we are about transferring financial assets. Your estate plan is one helpful tool in sharing those values with the people you love; we would be happy to show you how.

If you would like to have a conversation with a planner or if we can assist you in any other way, please email us at [planning@BarnabasFoundation.org](mailto:planning@BarnabasFoundation.org) or call 888.448.3040.

Grateful to serve you,



Executive Director

## WHEN THEY SAW A NEED THEY GAVE

*Life Story: Cal and Evelyn*

There's a smile in Louise's voice as she shares memories about Cal and Evelyn.



"I have always felt we are so blessed to have them as parents," she says on behalf of her sisters, Vicki and Caroline. "I just can't say enough about them."

Since Cal went to be with the Lord in 2010, and Evelyn in 2015, Louise has had regular reminders of the many ways they modeled faith and generosity to everyone they knew.

"I'm doing a Bible study now, and one section was on contentment, telling ourselves, 'I have enough,'" she explains. "That was certainly the catchphrase they lived by. They'd say, 'We have enough, so we can share what we have.'"

And share they did — often and generously.

**Throughout their 62 years of marriage, Cal and Evelyn were committed volunteers and financial supporters of their local church and several Christian ministries. "When they saw a need they gave," says Louise.**

It came as no surprise to Louise and her sisters when Cal and Evelyn left significant gifts to several Kingdom causes by naming Barnabas Foundation in their trust. They divided all they had among their "children," including three daughters and a "child named Charity."

Louise shares what a gift that was to her and her sisters to have a solid plan in place. "I knew — we all knew — everything was in place," she says. "I didn't have to do anything except just make sure that the terms of the trust were fulfilled."

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Louise is proud of the impact Cal and Evelyn left, both in the ministries they served and in the lives of their children and grandchildren. “I try to be as generous as they were,” says Louise.

“We have all been blessed with resources, and they modeled the importance of stewarding it well.”

## HAPPY NATIONAL MAKE-A-WILL MONTH!

August is national Make-a-Will Month! What better way to celebrate than by talking with a Barnabas Foundation planner?

We're happy to help you develop a plan that honors God, provides for your family and supports your favorite ministries. Schedule a conversation by emailing [planning@BarnabasFoundation.org](mailto:planning@BarnabasFoundation.org) or call 888.448.3040.

## ASK BARNABAS FOUNDATION

**Q: Our kids are wondering what's included in our wills. How do we begin the conversation?**

**A.** It's wonderful that you are proactively considering how you can communicate your plans to your children! Too often, people avoid these conversations – creating opportunities for confusion, angst, disappointment and chaos.

Start with the principles of your plan rather than diving right into the specifics. Explain the reasons why you updated your estate plans and how you want to be good stewards of God's resources. Share the general direction of how you want your resources to be distributed, including your charitable goals and how you want to bless and provide for your children without undermining their initiative or integrity.

Many people share their plans through a family meeting. We have a great resource that provides additional tips on what this meeting might look like. Request your free copy of “Sharing Your Estate Plan with Your Loved Ones” by emailing [info@BarnabasFoundation.org](mailto:info@BarnabasFoundation.org).

### Have Questions?

Call us at 888.448.3040 or email [planning@BarnabasFoundation.org](mailto:planning@BarnabasFoundation.org) to ask a planner.

## FREE ONLINE EVENT! THE PEOPLE IN YOUR PLAN

August 24, 2022, 11 a.m. (Central)

Join Barnabas Foundation's director of planning, Adam Lopez, J.D., for a discussion on developing and completing your will and other important documents. He'll cover aspects of your plan, including how to define the recipients and stewards of your estate to make the greatest impact.

There is no cost to attend, but advanced registration is required. Learn more at [BarnabasFoundation.com/Interactive](http://BarnabasFoundation.com/Interactive)



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