

GIFT PLANNING NEWSLETTER: Your Plan

'Inheritance' Was Intended to Give Christ

Martin Luther once noted, *"Mammon (money and possessions) is the most common idol on Earth. ... This care and desire for money sticks and clings to our nature right up to the grave."*

It's true, and the repentant among us know it. Yet, a miraculous oasis is provided along life's journey for people who live under the canopy of faith.

God's Word lays out the path of inheritance as an oasis to Christ. The farm went to the oldest son. This was not just to show preference to the first male, but preserved a lineage promised from recorded time.

The Levites were not apportioned any land. Their inheritance was the Lord Himself. This early glimpse of the true object of inheritance was symbolized by land. Values for people today are often symbolized by money and wealth.

God warned His Old Testament people to protect their bloodlines from being intertwined with people who didn't believe. God's plan to deliver the world was an inheritance promised and delivered in the person and work of the Messiah.

Born from the lineage of King David, Jesus appeared in the flesh. Immediately the inheritance of land dramatically changed. The old covenant was no longer needed.

Soon, believers sold their property and brought it to the Apostles' feet. We see the true promise of inheritance being expressed in the love and generosity that existed in that early Christian community recorded in the Book of Acts.

Our own faith is a proclamation of a shared inheritance.

God's Word on inheritance remains relevant today. You may be interested in learning more about how practicing Christian stewardship through a personal gift plan for both family and ministry can "give Christ" to your loved ones and to the world.

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