

Lighthouse Beacon

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Fall Greetings!

Time seems to march forward. We just vaulted past our 6-year anniversary at Lighthouse Financial and my oldest daughter has started University!

It's a complex time with inflation, rising interest rates and geo-political events. It's normal to worry and be concerned. We can take comfort in the words of Psalm 46:

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
give way

and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the
city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall,
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

In this newsletter, we feature community events we had the privilege of sponsoring this summer. In *Bloom Where we are Planted*, we highlight **Friendship Group**, a ministry to adults with cognitive disabilities. *Planner's Corner* discusses "Determining the right lifestyle, how much is enough?"

It's a blessing to come alongside you during the good times and the difficult times. You and your business are appreciated.

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Sponsorships

Rehoboth 30th Golf Classic June 4, 2022, The Ranch Golf & Country Club

This long running tournament has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help Rehoboth support adults with developmental disabilities so they can flourish. Proceeds from the tournament are being used to build a new cabin at the Rehoboth Camp near Gull Lake.



Parkland Immanuel Christian School "Swing into Action for the Expansion" Golf Tournament September 10, 2022, The Ranch Golf & Country Club

One of the largest independent Christian Schools in Alberta, Parkland Immanuel Christian School continues to plan for expansion with construction slated for later this year.



Edmonton Christian Schools Family Carnival Sept 17, 2022: Entertainment Games Food

Between 800 – 900 people attended this inaugural event which brought together the three Edmonton Christian School campuses. Donations will help fund a variety of school and student needs which allows ECS to advance its' mission of challenging approximately 1,500 students, through Christ-centred education, to actively play their role in God's story.



Afterwards, they file into the church gym together where they are greeted by kitchen helpers with snacks which all enjoy! Then in groups of mentors and friends, they do a follow up lesson or special craft. Every fifth meeting or so, they attend a special event...a games night, a dance evening, a Christmas Banquet, or a talent night.

Post-pandemic, the Covenant Friendship Group has approximately 40 attending friends, 4 leaders, 2 kitchen helpers, and 20-30 mentors. Some of our Lighthouse clients are or have been a part of this remarkable organization.

"It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change."

Queen Elizabeth II



Bloom Where You are Planted: Friendship Group



Friendship Group is a community of friends...members with cognitive impairments, mentors, and leaders...growing together in their relationship with God and with each other. Together, they celebrate God's love through songs and stories and through fellowship with each other.



One group meets Monday evenings at the Covenant Christian Reformed Church, in Edmonton, AB. This group has been meeting for over 30 years. The meetings start in the church sanctuary with singing which is followed by a Bible story or faith lesson.

When I asked **Pat Vos**, Bible Storyteller, why she is involved in Friendship Group she says that "simply because God has called me to tell his wondrous stories and I find such joy in doing so." She continues "Our friends' smiles tell us they so appreciate the time we spend together; they display such joy as they sing songs together, and most listen so attentively to the stories, and love being engaged in crafts. Our prayer for each friend is that they know how much



God loves them and that He's got each one in His hands."

Wow...what a beautiful community where God's light shines brightly! Thank you to all who have or currently participate in such a wonderful community.



Planner's Corner: Determining the Right Lifestyle: How Much is Enough?

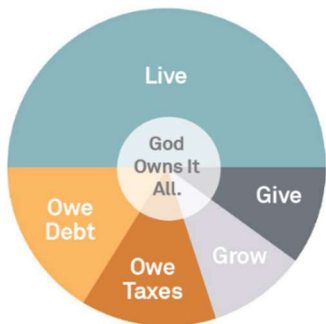


This Planner's Corner is based on the August 2022 Kingdom Advisor Study Group "Financial Lifestyle: Determining How Much is Enough."

So how do we determine how much is enough? Starting with the Biblical principle that God Owns It All, the author of the study, Ron Blue, encourages Christians to categorize the use of money they have been given by using the Live, Give, Owe, Grow chart.

After giving, taxes, debt, and savings the remaining category is "Live". With regards to live or lifestyle, a

key question to ask is "What would God have me do in the circumstances in which he places me?" To help find the answer, Ron encourages Christians to prayerfully seek personal direction from God.



Ron also encourages Christians to make lifestyle choices with conviction by asking the following questions: "What choice am I making?" and "Why am I making that choice?" An example would be, do I really need three cars, when I can only drive one. These lifestyle choices are a large determinant of what we can give to help others now and for eternity in word and deed. Most of us are challenged by the desire for more. Randy Alcorn, another Christian author, encourages Christians to ask the question "are we living for the dot (right now) or the line (eternity)?"



By prayerfully reviewing our lifestyle, we can foster a spirit of contentment and peace, trusting what God says in Hebrews 13:5, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you". What a comfort.

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