

## HOW TO LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY CONT.

Here is a few positions that he/she held at True Light

- Ministry Name
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Please help us honor the memory of this beautiful member by making a donation of any amount. As I mentioned earlier, the anniversary of her death is \_\_\_\_\_. And we would like to collect the donation by (date) If you send a check or money order please make it out to (your name). Included is a self-addressed envelope for your convenience. If you have questions please give us a call or text at (phone number) If you want to know the amount that is collected un (her/his) memory please include your email address and i/we will gladly let you know.

God Bless!

(your name)

Your address

Your email/Phone

## WHO SHOULD CONSIDER

ALL CURRENT TRUE LIGHT CHURCH MEMBERS, FORMER MEMBERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO APPRECIATE HOW MUCH TRUE LIGHT MEANT TO THEIR LOVED ONES. All current True Light members, former members and family members who appreciate how much True Light meant to their loved ones.

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1 Corinthians 13:13

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## Family Legacy Giving



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## Legacy Giving

**How do you want to be remembered once you've left this earth?** We get it— it's a heavy question! But we want you to give it some thought. You see, leaving a legacy is more than giving an inheritance, a trust fund or a real estate empire to your heirs.

Here's one thing we know about legacies: They don't happen by accident. If you want to get serious about leaving a legacy, there are three key factors you need to understand. But first, let's define what a legacy is and why it's important

### What is a Legacy?

A legacy is an enduring impact that you make on those who outlive you. Most of the time, it comes as (or includes) a gift, such as an inheritance, a family business or property. But it's not limited to possessions or money. A legacy is an opportunity for you to change the world for good. Leaving a legacy is like tossing a rock into a pond. There's an initial splash followed by ripple effects that continue on once the rock has disappeared. You might have a small rock to throw or a big boulder, but each one of us will leave something behind us. It's up to us to decide how far those ripples will travel.

As Christians, we take the idea of legacy seriously. We believe that everything we have are gifts from God, and we're called to manage it well. For Christians, leaving a legacy is about doing things God's way, for his purpose, to bless his people.

## Why is Legacy Important?

A legacy gives you an opportunity to live for a purpose that's bigger than yourself. It allows you to change your family tree, not for your children, but for generations to come! You can decide to use everything you have— wealth, resources, talent and relationships— to bless those around you.

Money is a gift. And when it's handled well, it can transform your family, your community— even the entire world! Here's one of our favorite Bible verses on the topic:

## “A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children.” Proverbs 13:22 (ESV)

Children's Children” is a great example of the ripple effect we talked about earlier. Think big! Think beyond your immediate family! Dream about how your legacy could change the lives of the people you love. Maybe your gift will pay for your granddaughter's wedding or provide scholarships for underprivileged students to attend college. The possibilities are endless.



## How to Leave a lasting Legacy

No one leaves a legacy by accident. You must live life on purpose and come up with a plan to protect your legacy and make sure that baton is passed to the next generation. Here are three keys to leaving a lasting legacy.

**Desire to Pass on Your Loved One's Values to the next Generation:** Whatever values were instilled in you can and should be passed on to the next generation. Things such as Quality time, Family traditions, stories, work ethic and money management to name a few.

**Pray:** that God will touch your heart and the hearts of your loved ones in this endeavor to remember those in your family who were once a valued member of True Light Missionary Baptist Church.

**Design and Develop a Family Letter :** Have a picture of your loved one and in this letter express to family members to remember the loved one you want to honor. (Sample Letter below)

Dear Family and friends,

- On (month, date and year) The \_\_\_ family (ies) lost a great lady/man. State family member's name here: as you know the \_\_\_ year anniversary of his/her death is this year, 2023. list some of their qualities by stating: as you know they were... As a way to honor the memory of those who served at True Light , we the family (deceased Loved one's name) are raising money to donate in his /her memory to the church building fund. \_\_\_ was a dedicated hard working member of the True Light family and she/he is deeply missed.