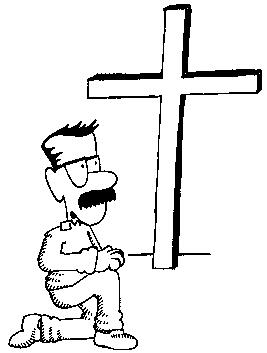
Planned Giving Reprintables

*WELS Ministry of Christian Giving has edited and approved the following resources for your church to customize (when necessary) and use as needed. They are intended to encourage members about good stewardship practices and to inform them about ways to make planned gifts to benefit your church and other WELS ministry. Consider using them at your website, in bulletins or newsletters, etc. To use, modify as you’d like. Then highlight the text and copy and paste it (Ctrl-C, Ctrl-V) where you want it to go.*

*The first resource is from Stewardship Advisors. To learn more, visit* [*www.stewardshipadvisors.org*](http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org) *or call Ron Chewning at 888-783-2790. WELS Ministry of Christian Giving obtained permission to share this.*



**ONLY WITH GOD’S STRENGTH,**

**CAN WE DENY SELF, DO HIS**

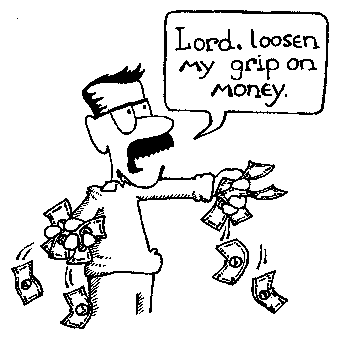
**WILL, AND FOLLOW HIM.**

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Whoever

wants to be my disciple must deny themselves

and take up their cross and follow me.’”

(Matthew 16:24).



**ONE OF THE HARDEST AREAS**

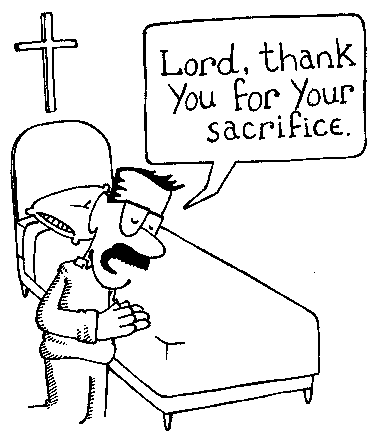
**TO ALLOW GOD TO HAVE**

**CONTROL OVER IS OUR FINANCES.**

“So if you have not been trustworthy in

handling worldly wealth, who will trust

you with true riches?” (Luke 16:11).



**LET CHRIST’S SACRIFICE MOVE**

**YOU TO LOVE AS HE LOVED, TO**

**GIVE YOURSELF AS HE GAVE.**

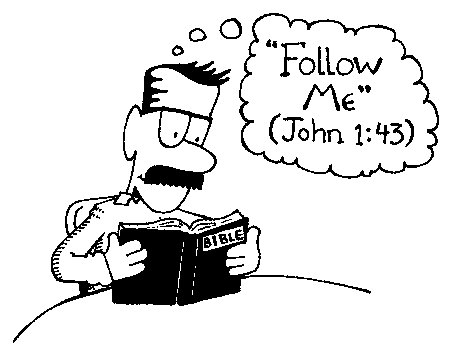
“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly

loved children and live a life of love, just

as Christ loved us and gave himself up

for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice

to God” (Ephesians 5:1).

**IDOLATRY IS PUTTING**

**SOMEONE OR SOMETHING**

**BEFORE GOD.**

“Love the Lord your God with all

your heart and with all your soul and

with all your mind and with all your

strength” (Mark 12:30).

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WELS Foundation’s gift annuity program, which benefits WELS ministries such as our congregation, appeals to donors for several reasons.

First, the annuity payments are fixed and unaffected by the ups and downs of market conditions. You can count on receiving the same amount on every payment date.

Second, the payment rates are very attractive, especially for older donors.

Third, the payments last a lifetime. It doesn’t matter how long you live, your payments will keep right on coming.

Fourth, part of the payment amount is tax-free. This benefit lasts until you reach the normal age of life expectancy.

Fifth, you receive an income tax deduction when you obtain the annuity, and your estate may benefit by having the asset removed from possible estate taxes.

Sixth, your gift annuity provides you with immense satisfaction, knowing that you have made a significant gift to the Lord.

Seventh, your gift annuity is a powerful example to family and friends that you value your congregation and what it represents.

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