

Everything Goes Back Into the Box

In a sermon following the Christmas buying season, Pastor Jim Singleton of the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs likened our acquisition of “things” to the game of Monopoly.

The owner of Boardwalk and Park Place, especially if he’s been able to buy houses and even a hotel, would wait like a vulture for road kill. Owners of lesser properties would hold their breath as they approached, hoping to jump to “Go” and collect their \$200.

At the end of the game though, no matter how prosperous the player, everything went back into the box. The game ended, and everything went back into the box.

Romans 8:32 says, *“He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all – how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”*

Tithing takes many forms and can go in many different directions at different times in our lives, now or later.

If CBS were to be one of the objects of your generosity, there are avenues you might consider:

1. Your service always comes first
2. A one-time cash gift, or giving on some regular basis
3. Appreciated securities or real estate – You receive a tax deduction for the full market value, while the ministry does not pay any capital gains tax upon sale.
4. A charitable gift annuity, which enables one or two donors to exchange investments or real property for a lifetime income with important tax advantages both at the time of gifting as well as throughout the life income period
5. Naming CBS as beneficiary or owner of a life insurance policy you may no longer need for protecting your family
6. Naming CBS as beneficiary of a portion of your IRAs if your spouse has passed away – IRA assets left to your kids are fully taxable, while to CBS, they are not

There is caring counsel to answer your questions. Simply call or write Camilla Sebolt, Nolen Burt or Barb Smith at the Ministry Service Center (800)826-4181.

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