

Debt is devastating. We often talk about debt and financial issues, but the sooner we act, the more rewards there will be.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

— Proverbs 10:4-5

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

— Proverbs 22:7

An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.

— Proverbs 20:21

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

— 2 Corinthians 9:7

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.

— Proverbs 3:9

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Please contact us, and we will be glad to help. You can email us or call us, and we will point you to the resources you need.

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— Acts 3:2 —

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST ENDOWMENT

It all started with a \$100 check!

On September 30, 1982, the Free Will Baptist Executive Office received a \$100 check from Wilbur and Alma Worthington (below). The gift was originally known as the Worthington Trust, but today, it has become the **Free Will Baptist Endowment**.

That \$100 has been earning interest for Free Will Baptists since it first arrived. After all these years, it has more than doubled its value to our ministries and will continue until the Lord returns. It's a good reminder that **endowments** are a great way for **small** gifts to make a **BIG** impact.

Endowment gifts come in a number of ways. They can be offerings over and



above tithes. They can come from churches that want to give a lasting, high-impact gift. They can come from something given to the trust. For example, an individual from Oklahoma gave 42 acres in Colorado to sell (below), and all proceeds went into the endowment.



Many others have joined the Worthingtons in giving, and when this brochure was created, the endowment totaled \$1.2 million. In 2021, Free Will Baptist leadership set a goal of reaching \$5 million, which will provide roughly \$250,000 to national ministries each year.

Why an Endowment?

With an endowment, your gift is never touched. In other words, whether

\$100 or \$1 million, the gift remains in the endowment as principal, and *only the interest* is used for ministry.

This kind of giving can help Free Will Baptist national ministries avoid debt that cripples outreach (Proverbs 22:7). A \$5 million endowment would ease the financial pressure on these ministries, allowing them to rely on an estimated annual return. If the Lord tarries, and people continue to give, the endowment will grow and outpace inflation.

How Does It Work?

The **Free Will Baptist Endowment** was established to provide long-term financial resources for all national ministries. The principal will never be used, but the interest will be disbursed based on a formula approved by the National Association.

Endowments are one of the **best ways** for **small** gifts to make a **BIG** impact.

— **BILL EVANS**, Former Director
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