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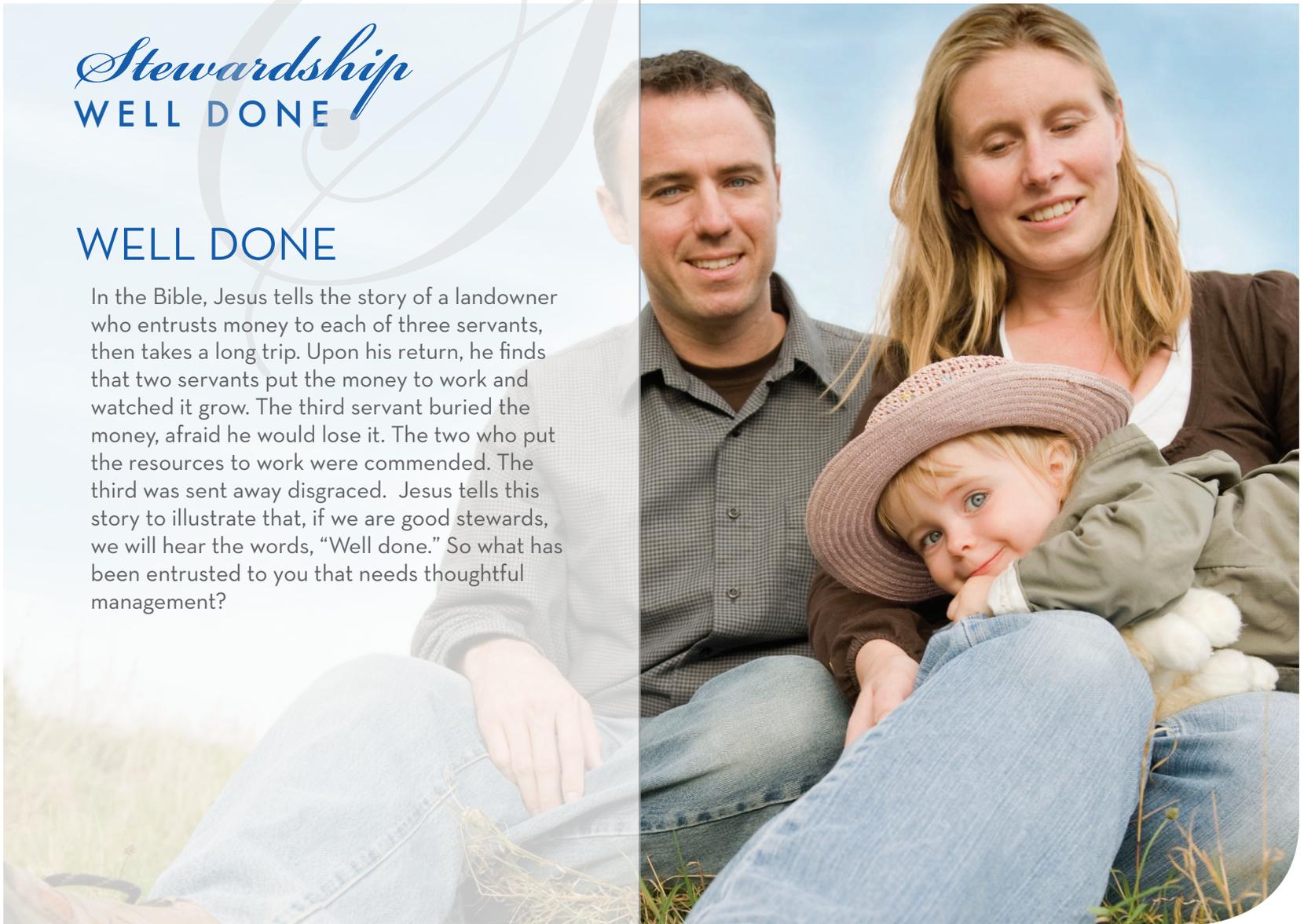
When you step back and consider what difference your life will make to your family, your neighbors, and your community, you'll ask questions like these: "How do I best use the resources and opportunities that have been entrusted to my care? What should I do with my time, abilities, education, heritage, and financial resources? How do I direct these resources, and toward what goal?"

At the Free Methodist Foundation, we are committed to helping you as you begin to answer these questions. We believe that, with effective counsel and management, each person can multiply the impact of the resources entrusted to their care. That's what we call stewardship. Simply put, stewardship is responsibly managing what God has given you.

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In the Bible, Jesus tells the story of a landowner who entrusts money to each of three servants, then takes a long trip. Upon his return, he finds that two servants put the money to work and watched it grow. The third servant buried the money, afraid he would lose it. The two who put the resources to work were commended. The third was sent away disgraced. Jesus tells this story to illustrate that, if we are good stewards, we will hear the words, "Well done." So what has been entrusted to you that needs thoughtful management?



## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

### CARE

What does Stewardship Well Done look like? What constitutes success? It's different for each person, but it begins by considering what you care about most and what you believe God is calling you to do.

### GROW

At the start of adulthood, most of us have few resources to steward. But that changes over time. Families get started and careers advance, and soon resources begin to grow and require faithful attention. What consistent effort can you exercise that will bring positive results? As your resources multiply, how can you find the guidance you need to maximize them?

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### SHARE

All along your life path, you will want to experience the joy of giving. By sharing your resources with individuals, your church, your school, or other charitable organizations of your choice, you are strengthening your community as well as the Kingdom of God.

As you reflect on these stewardship questions, we can offer insight that will help you care for the people most important to you, navigate life's currents to see results grow, and share this growth with others.

*"Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God."*

1 Peter 4:10 (TEV)



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## *F*OUNDED TO SERVE...

We have a passion to serve. Since 1987, we have been blessed to provide services to the Free Methodist Church, helping clients meet their financial goals. But what truly distinguishes us is what is in the hearts of our people. Each day, our staff enthusiastically responds to the call of serving God by providing our clients excellence in financial services.

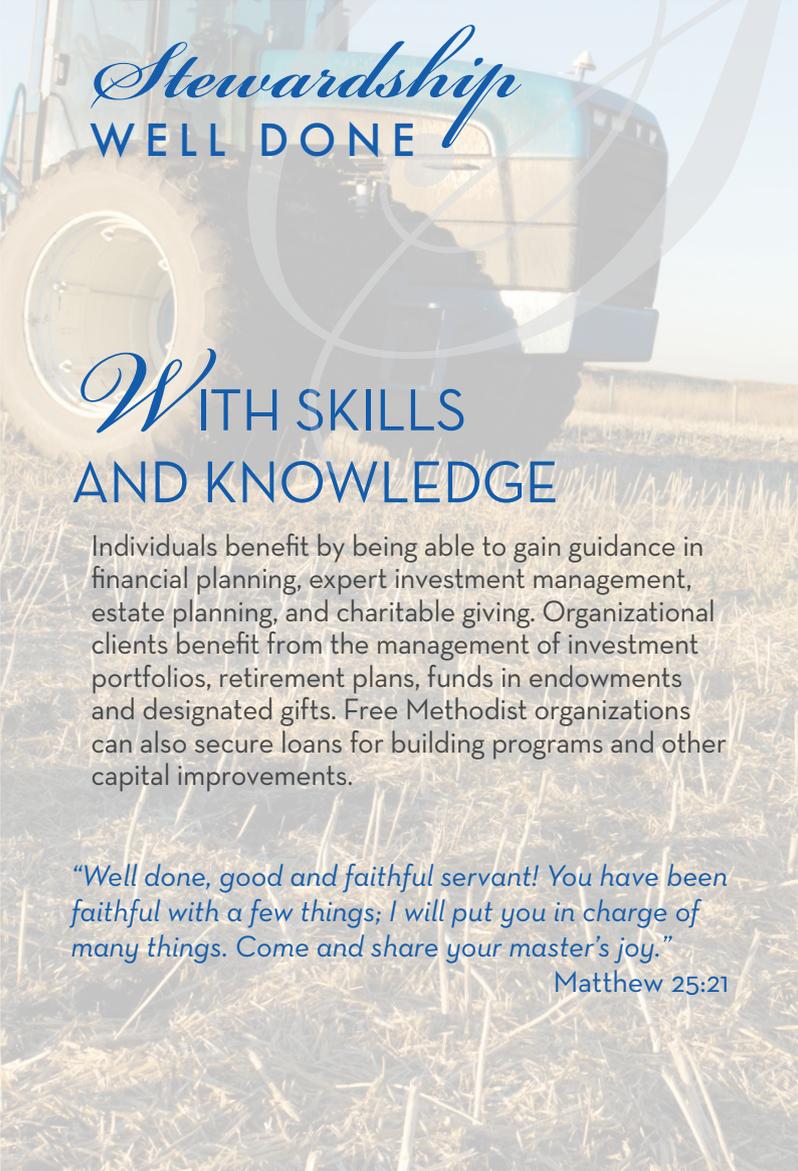


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## *W*ITH SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Individuals benefit by being able to gain guidance in financial planning, expert investment management, estate planning, and charitable giving. Organizational clients benefit from the management of investment portfolios, retirement plans, funds in endowments and designated gifts. Free Methodist organizations can also secure loans for building programs and other capital improvements.

*“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s joy.”*

Matthew 25:21



## PARTNERING TOGETHER

**Key Questions we can help answer:**

How can I best plan for my future?

How effectively am I currently managing the resources entrusted to my care?

Am I saving enough?

Have I made the right investment choices?

Am I on track for retirement?

Will I run out of money?

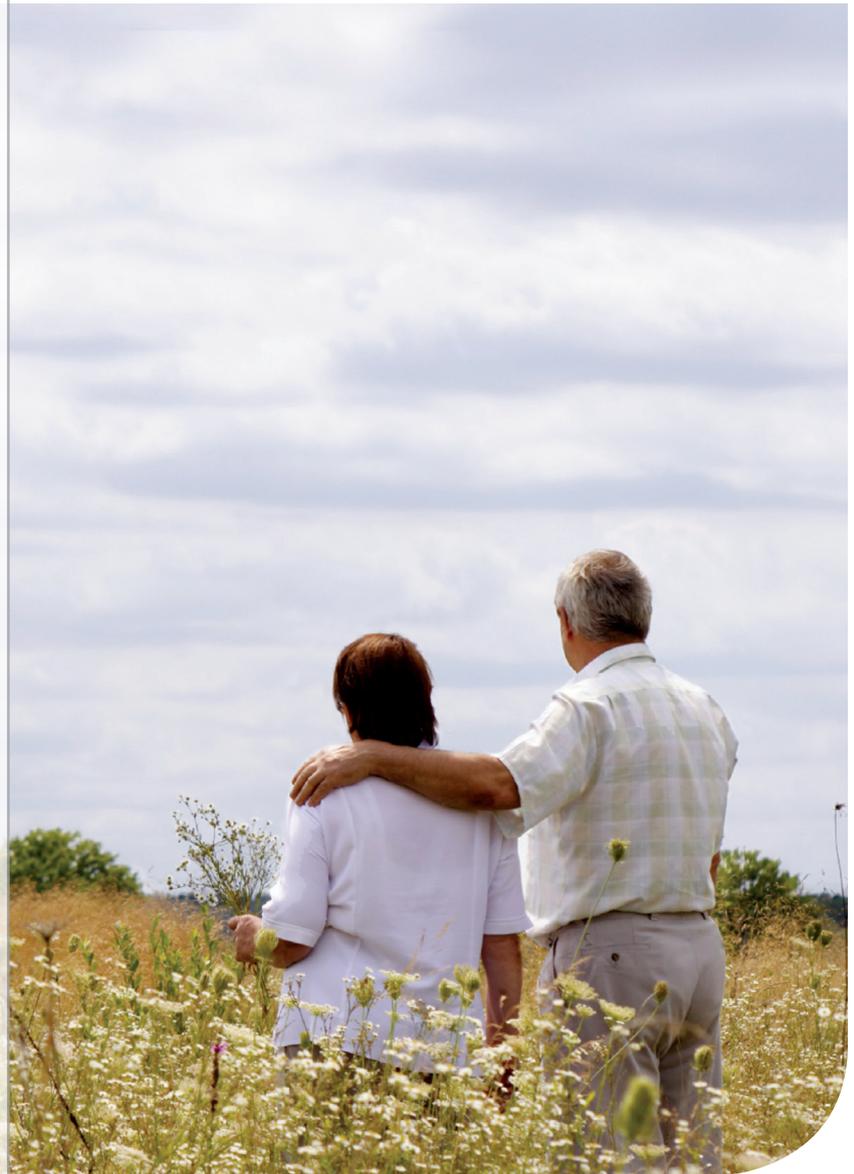
I've lost a loved one; what do I do now?

How do I best care for the people and causes that are important to me?

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## *B*UILDING TOGETHER

We're delighted to work each day with individuals and organizations to help them live out Stewardship Well Done. You may be looking to shape your life vision and desire the peace and confidence that comes when you have a plan in place. You may want to simplify the management of your investments or you may need help in describing your priorities and incorporating them into your financial and estate plan. If you are a church, you may be looking to grow your ministry, but you need guidance in securing funds for your building expansion project. Whatever your financial services needs, we are ready to listen and respond.



## *B*EGINNING THE CONVERSATION

### **The heart of the matter**

You can't shake a person's hand, exchange a few pleasantries, and subsequently claim to "know" that person. It takes a while to really get to the heart of a person. Our desire is to know you better and understand what Stewardship Well Done would mean for you.

Keep in mind that whatever stage of life you're in—whether you are single or married, just starting a family or retired for many years—everyone can engage in Christian financial life planning and see results.

To begin the conversation and find out more about how we may be of support to you as an individual or as an organization, we invite you to call us at 800.325.8975 or email us at [info@fmfoundation.org](mailto:info@fmfoundation.org).



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