

# **Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver**

*Wills and Estate Planning*



**How Do You  
See the  
Future  
of the Church?**





# the Future

Thirty years ago could you have predicted the present state of the Lord's church?

There have been so many events that have radically changed the face of the church.

Liberalism has gained a foothold in so many once biblically sound congregations. Sadly, this trend looks to

continue. It is easy to become discouraged, and perhaps you are even tempted to throw up your hands in resignation to these unscriptural changes.

While you may not have predicted these radical changes, there is a way that you can forestall future drifting within the church, and even make a difference in reversing the trend. Just as you prepare for our own retirement, you also can prepare to help and strengthen good, sound, biblically-

based works. You have worked hard to invest wisely, to accumulate assets that will enable you to take care of yourself in your retirement years.

What about including the church in those plans? Have you thought about ensuring that scripturally sound works will continue?

You can have control over the future of good works with a trust. A trust enables you to appoint someone else (called a "trustee") to act according to your directions. Your trustee can handle your assets while you're alive and/or take over if you become incapacitated or die. If you take time now to determine your objectives and make plans to meet them, a trust will assure that those plans are carried out. You can have an impact for good well beyond your own life!

# About the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver

In 1965, the elders of the Bear Valley church of Christ in Denver, Colorado, saw a great need in the church for sound, qualified preachers. It was clear that a school was needed that was wholly committed to training these future leaders of the church.



Since that time, hundreds of men have been trained at Bear Valley. Literally dozens of congregations have been established, and tens of thousands have been converted to the Gospel through the work of Bear Valley graduates.

The Institute was created to serve the Lord's church in this most important area. Equally, full-time preacher training schools have been started all over the world, enabling even more men to be trained and to fulfill the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20.



**The things that you have  
heard from me in the  
presence of many witnesses,  
entrust these to faithful men  
who will be able to teach  
others also.**

2 Timothy 2:2, NKJV

# Why Choose the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver?



Selecting a work to invest in is a decision that should be made very carefully. It is important to find a work that has a proven track record of soundness as well as consistently having produced quality graduates.

The Bear Valley Bible Institute has a well earned reputation for training quality graduates who are sound in the Word. The Institute's curriculum is one that is carefully designed to meet the needs of the modern church while grounding men in the inspired Word of God. Her faculty



has collectively gained over 400 years of full-time ministry experience. The faculty has expertise in every important area of church work: biblical studies, church growth, homiletics and Christian evidences.



Bear Valley's goal is to strengthen the Lord's church worldwide and to establish new congregations of the Lord's people. With Bear Valley, the teaching of 2 Timothy 2:2 is more than just words. The principle stated there is one that is taken very seriously. If the church is to survive the modern assaults, she must have faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

# The Decision to Make a Difference

When establishing Bear Valley as a recipient of your estate, you are deciding to make a difference in the future of the church. You are impacting evangelistic efforts in the United States, while enabling the church to gain a foothold in areas worldwide.

Many are seeking works that can have the greatest impact for good worldwide. There is no better choice than Bear Valley. With preacher training schools in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America, there is enormous potential to impact millions for the gospel of Christ. With the facilities in Denver, men are able to prepare themselves for domestic work or for foreign missions.



Lofty goals have been set to establish at least two new foreign preacher schools each year. Your remembrance of Bear Valley in your estate planning enables her to aggressively train qualified workers world-wide.

## Making an Immediate Impact

Many faithful brethren and congregations have already seen the wisdom in investing in the work of the Bible Institute. You can be involved in the present ongoing works through cash donations, stock or property donations. You might be interested in contributing a monthly amount that aids a specific aspect of the work



(student support, foreign training schools, etc.).

## Making a Long Term Impact

When thinking about what to do with your estate, you may want to consider including a charitable gift in your estate plan.

A charitable remainder trust, or CRT, is a tax-exempt, irrevocable trust that allows the donor to make a current gift of cash or appreciated assets to a trust while retaining an income stream for his or her life. At the time of the donors death,

trust assets can be distributed in two ways: (1) Trust terminates, and all assets are paid to Bear Valley; or (2) Trust continues, and money is paid to Bear Valley in certain increments (quarterly, annually, etc.).

The trust provides a current income, tax deductions and

potential capital gains tax savings, as well as the potential for reduction or even the elimination of estate taxes. The charitable remainder trust is just one example of how trusts can play a role in charitable giving. There are a number of other charitable trust and foundation options that may fit your needs.



## Everyone Wins!

When investing in the work of the Bear Valley Bible Institute, you help yourself, the Institute, preachers both near and far and countless thousands of dying souls worldwide. The idea that your efforts have

broadened the Lord's kingdom can bring unspeakable joy.

Isn't it time to do something? Every moment counts, and God calls His people to arise and build.



Please pray for  
the work here and  
**talk to your  
financial planner  
today**

about how you can help us  
train men to spread God's word.



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