



## 2010 List of 30 Shining Light Ministries

MinistryWatch.com desires to see overall giving to Biblical Christian values increase and as such we developed this format to highlight a sampling of ministries which are exemplary. The following 30 ministries represent some of the "best ministries".

### MinistryWatch.com's 2010 List of 30 Shining Light Ministries

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Selecting a diversity of the best ministries is challenging given the selfless work that so many do for the cause of Christ. The assessment by MinistryWatch.com looked at the following seven areas when considering this list of 30: **Transparency**, **(2) Truth Claims**, **(3) Values**, **(4) Sectors/Functions**, **(5) Resourcefulness**, **(6) Red Flag Issues**, and **(7) Counsel**. A fuller explanation of our evaluation criteria is on page five. A foundational premise was to shine a figurative light on those ministries that were "Christian" more than in name only. Ministries were chosen that were not just marketing to Christians as a market segment for "Christian donor money", but ministries that had theological underpinnings and Biblical values that determined their actions. Organizations that relied more on a secular motivation and means were excluded as well as those "ministries" that seem to view the organization as their own vehicle as a business to make money rather than a love to maximize ministry to others and to let their light shine for the glory of God. ☞

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Foreign Missions

**Advancing Native Missions (ANM)**

P.O. Box 5303, Charlottesville, VA 22905  
(540) 456-7111 / [www.adnamis.org](http://www.adnamis.org)

ANM exists for one purpose: to help take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world's remaining unreached and unevangelized peoples. They do this by standing behind thousands of native missionaries who are reaching their own people for Christ in 75 countries. As more and more countries close their doors to Western mission organizations, ANM finds that the best way to reach these nations with the Gospel is through native or indigenous missionaries: Indians reaching India, Iranians reaching Iran, etc.

Christian Growth

**AnGel Ministries**

5115 Hollyridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612  
(919) 787-6606 / [www.angelministries.org](http://www.angelministries.org)

AnGel Ministries is committed to giving out messages of Biblical exposition so that God's Word is personal and relevant to ordinary people. The ministry's name is derived from the initials of Anne Graham Lotz (AGL) and is especially fitting as an angel's Biblical role is to go only where the Lord sends and to proclaim only the word of the Lord. AnGel Ministries serves as the umbrella organization for the diverse ministry of Anne Graham Lotz - including her many books, DVDs and speaking engagements as well as special events like Just Give Me Jesus and Pursuing MORE of Jesus.

Evangelism Support

**Audio Scripture Ministries**

760 Waverly Rd, Holland, MI 49423  
(616) 396-5291 / [www.ASMToday.org](http://www.ASMToday.org)

Audio Scripture Ministries (ASM) strives for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world via production and distribution of communications media. ASM is committed to seeing that all translated New Testaments available in print form are also recorded and made available in audio form. ASM believe that there remains a foundational, essential, unfinished task in world mission today. They believe that task is to provide the translated Scriptures in audio form for all who cannot read and for ministries among ethnic peoples in multi-lingual settings.

Leadership Training

**Awana**

1 East Bode Rd., Streamwood, IL 60107-6658  
(630) 213-2000 / [www.awana.org](http://www.awana.org)

Awana is an international, Bible-centered children's ministry and youth ministry providing local churches with weekly clubs, programs and training. Their goal is to equip churches and parents worldwide to raise spiritual champions who know, love and serve Christ using integrated programs for ages 2 to 18, resources for Bible-based parenting and discipleship, child and family evangelism and specialized volunteer training. The acronym Awana comes from the first letters of **A**pproved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed as taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.

Relief and Development

**Blessing International**

1650 N. Indianwood Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74012  
(918) 250-8101 / [www.blessing.org](http://www.blessing.org)

Blessing International serves as a source of pharmaceuticals, vitamins, and medical supplies for clinics and hospitals in developing nations that serve indigent populations and short-term medical teams that travel to such sites to provide donated medical services. Blessings International also has its own benevolent projects, which typically involves the provision of pharmaceuticals to locations of special need and or disaster relief in addition to providing medicines for the efforts of other organizations.

Relief and Development

**Bright Hope International**

2060 Stonington Avenue, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
(224) 520-6100 / [www.BrightHope.org](http://www.BrightHope.org)

Bright Hope works to provide holistic help to the extreme poor through the indigenous church delivering basic needs including: **(1) Physical:** food, clothing, shelter, medicine and education; **(2) Economic:** micro-loans and job training to produce a product for fair trade; **(3) Spiritual:** Poverty is not just a physical or economic condition. There are emotional, psychological, and relational wounds from living in poverty that only Christ can bring healing to. Bright Hope envisions a world where under-resourced, indigenous churches transform their communities and bring hope to the poor.

Fellowship Evangelism

**Cadence International**

PO Box 1268, Englewood, CO 80150  
(800) 396-6680 / [www.cadence.org](http://www.cadence.org)

An evangelical mission agency serving all branches of the U.S. military in America and overseas with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Cadence ministers not only to military personnel, but to their spouses and dependents as well. Cadence has more than 200 missionaries who work in more than 50 locations worldwide. Its ministry serves the military community through hospitality (home type environment with hospitality houses), evangelism, discipleship, friendship, and teaching.

Relief and Development

**Children's Hunger Fund (CHF)**

12820 Pierce St., Pacoima, CA 91331  
(818) 899-5122 / [www.chfus.org](http://www.chfus.org)

CHF alleviates the suffering in children around the world. Whether it is hunger, malnutrition, poor medical care, abandonment or abuse, CHF works to provide products to assist in the care of children. CHF delivers food, clothing, medicines, medical supplies, personal hygiene items and other relief materials through a monitored distribution network in the cities and countries where they send aid. They have an impressive ability for attracting noncash contributions and they translate this into specific assistance to individuals.

Relief and Development

**Children's Medical Ministries (CMM)**

PO Box 3382, Crofton, MD 21114-1114  
(301) 261-3211 / [www.childmed.org](http://www.childmed.org)

CMM is a compassionate humanitarian service organization that has more than 700 volunteer health care professionals committed to serving the indigent and oppressed children and their families in the National Capital/ Baltimore areas, seven states, and in more than 30 overseas countries. They provide food, shelter, clothes, medicine, wheelchairs, and prosthesis and healthcare programs. CMM was founded by Col. Bill Collins and his wife, Erma, in 1988 as a nonprofit, nondenominational, all volunteer ministry.

Relief and Development

**Christian Blind Mission (CBM)**

450 E. Park Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601  
(864) 239-0065 / [www.cbmus.org](http://www.cbmus.org)

CBM provides preventative, medical, rehabilitative and educational services to millions of people each year. CBM supports more than 1,000 projects in 113 countries, and their aid is available to all people regardless of religion, nationality, race, or gender. CBM's goal is to find, rescue, and rehabilitate these forgotten people—giving children hope, taking whole families and communities out of grinding poverty, and building bridges between them and their communities.

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<b>Christian Growth</b>	<p><b><u>Crown Financial Ministries</u></b>                  PO Box 100, Gainesville, GA 30503-0100                  (800) 722-1976 / <a href="http://www.crown.org">www.crown.org</a></p> <p>Crown teaches biblical principles of finance and money management. It also trains others to teach these principles and provides counseling and assistance to those in need. Its public image is through its radio programs which present biblical truths relating to stewardship, ethics, practical money management, and God's ability to meet financial needs (25-minute daily program, "Money Matters", 3 minute program "How to Manage Your Money", and "A Money Minute"). But it also conducts small group studies, seminars and other programs.</p>
<b>Christian Growth</b>	<p><b><u>Eternal Perspective Ministries (EPM)</u></b>                  39085 Pioneer Blvd., Suite 206                  (877) 376-4567 / <a href="http://www.epm.org">www.epm.org</a></p> <p>EPM is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to teaching biblical truth and drawing attention to the needy and how to help them. EPM exists to meet the needs of the unreached, unfed, unborn, uneducated, unreconciled and unsupported people around the world. The teaching goal is accomplished primarily through Randy Alcorn's books, articles, newsletters, interviews, blogs, facebook and twitter. Royalties from Randy Alcorn's books are the property of EPM and the revenue generated is in turn sent to vital ministries.</p>
<b>Christian Growth</b>	<p><b><u>EvanTell</u></b>                  PO Box 741417, Dallas, TX 75374-1417                  (800) 947-7359 / <a href="http://www.evantell.org">www.evantell.org</a></p> <p>EvanTell conducts conferences to reach non-Christians and seminars to instruct believers in evangelism, and materials to equip believers to evangelize. EvanTell's vision is to reach millions of people throughout the world with a clear, biblical presentation of the gospel of grace, through evangelistic outreaches and training believers in personal evangelism and evangelistic speaking.</p>
<b>Relief and Development</b>	<p><b><u>Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM)</u></b>                  9341 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, CA 92618                  (800) 733-0858 / <a href="http://www.freewheelchairmission.org">www.freewheelchairmission.org</a></p> <p>FWM provides free wheelchairs to the poor, crippled and disabled persons living in developing third-world countries. FWM believes that when Jesus Christ lived in this world, He had special love for the sick and crippled. They try to share the same concern now for the poor, especially those with physical immobility. The chairs are distributed free to those in need, regardless of one's religious affiliation if any.</p>
<b>Evangelism</b>	<p><b><u>Gideons International</u></b>                  P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, Tennessee, 37214-0800                  (615) 564-5000 / <a href="http://www.gideons.org">www.gideons.org</a></p> <p>The Gideons focus is on distributing complete Bibles or New Testaments. These copies of God's Word are printed in more than 90 languages and are either given directly to certain individuals (like students in the 5th grade and above, prisoners and police, fire, medical and military personnel), or placed in selected public locations (like hotels, hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices, domestic violence shelters, prisons and jails) where large numbers of people, who may be searching for answers, will have the ability to encounter the Word of God.</p>

<b>Advocacy</b>	<p><b><u>International Justice Mission</u></b>                  PO Box 58147, Washington, DC 20037                  (703) 465-5495 / <a href="http://www.IJM.org">www.IJM.org</a></p> <p>IJM is a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators and aftercare professional work with local governments to ensure victim rescue, to prosecute perpetrators and to strengthen the community and civic factors that promote functioning public justice systems. IJM's justice professionals work in their communities in 12 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America to secure tangible and sustainable protection of national laws through local court systems.</p>
<b>Evangelism Support</b>	<p><b><u>JAARS</u></b>                  PO Box 248, Waxhaw, NC 28173                  (800) 890-0628 / <a href="http://www.jaars.org">www.jaars.org</a></p> <p>JAARS provides quality technical support services and resources to speed Bible translation for all people. The JAARS vision is that the worldwide Bible translation movement will benefit from strategic technical logistic support that is dependable and accessible. JAARS shares the vision of the Wycliffe Bible Translators (WBT) and SIL family of organizations, focusing on technical and logistical support needs.</p>
<b>Relief and Development</b>	<p><b><u>Kingsway Charities</u></b>                  1119 Commonwealth Avenue, Bristol, VA 24201                  (800) 321-9234 / <a href="http://www.kingswaycharities.org">www.kingswaycharities.org</a></p> <p>Kingsway Charities is a Christian organization improving the lives of the sick and suffering worldwide by providing life-sustaining resources so they will know God's love and compassion. It provides medicine and medical supplies to medical missionaries working in third world and developing countries.</p>
<b>Advocacy</b>	<p><b><u>Life Centers</u></b>                  8902 Vincennes Circle, Suite A, Indianapolis, IN 46268                  (317) 280-2635 / <a href="http://www.lifecenters.com">www.lifecenters.com</a></p> <p>Life Centers helps women in unexpected pregnancy situations in a special way to share Christ's compassion, love, and hope. Life Centers affirms the value of life in this way by providing a network of care that includes counseling, healing support, and resources that explain the truth about life. In addition, it is a member of Care Net.</p>
<b>Relief and Development</b>	<p><b><u>Medical Teams International</u></b>                  PO Box 10, Portland, OR 97207-0010                  (800) 959-4325 / <a href="http://www.nwmedicalteams.org">www.nwmedicalteams.org</a></p> <p>Medical Teams International's first line of service is primarily that of a humanitarian world responder service (a type of 911 call on an international scale). They send volunteer medical personnel for crisis situations, not only mobilizing retired doctors and nurses, but current medical professionals. Secondly, they distribute humanitarian aid. In addition, they operate mobile dental clinic units in the United States for the working poor. They do not sell their services but are totally supported by donations. This is pure Christian charitable work of helping those who are truly in need.</p>

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Fellowship Evangelism

**Military Community Youth Ministries (MCYM)**

P.O. Box 2486, Colorado Springs, CO 80901  
(800) 832-9098 / [www.mcyminst.org](http://www.mcyminst.org)

MCYM is a chapel based, community focused outreach (known as Club Beyond) to bring Good News of Jesus Christ to middle and high school aged dependents of Americans serving in, or in connection with the Armed Forces of the United States of American (both overseas and in the U.S.) The term outreach ministry refers to the focus of the ministry to young people not currently involved in a chapel youth program. They intend to "win a hearing" with these teens, share the love of Christ with them through staff role modeling, and disciple them into the chapel or church.

Christian Growth

**Probe**

1900 Firman Dr., Suite 100, Richardson, TX 75081  
(972) 480-0240 / [www.Probe.org](http://www.Probe.org)

Probe presents the Gospel to communities, nationally and internationally, by providing life-long opportunities to integrate faith and learning through balanced, biblically-based scholarship, educating people how to love God with their minds and equipping them to engage their culture for Christ. Probe outreaches include (1) National and international youth and adult Mind Games Conferences, (2) Radio program, (3) Website resource with more than 1,500 articles, streaming radio and podcast, (4) Ongoing research to address today's issues through Christian scholarship.

Evangelism

**Ron Hutchcraft Ministries (RHM)**

P.O. Box 400, Harrison, AR 72602-0400  
(877) 741-1200 / [www.Hutchcraft.com](http://www.Hutchcraft.com)

RHM communicates the truth of the Gospel in everyday language to those dying without Christ and also mobilizes others to join in rescuing the lost. While there are a handful of other ministries focused on reaching the lost with the Gospel of Christ, RHM is uniquely focused on equipping rescuers so they are motivated and able to reach the people in their world for Christ. RHM's vision is "to bring salvation to the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47). Consistent with the RHM vision, the Gospel is presented personally, on the radio, and through the Internet.

Foreign Missions

**The Seed Company**

3030 Matlock Rd., Suite 104, Arlington, TX 76015  
(817) 557-2121 / [www.theseedcompany.org](http://www.theseedcompany.org)

The Seed Company's mission is to accelerate Scripture translation and impact people without God's Word through Great Commission partnerships. They are working with several hundred local translators who are leading the translation process in more than 350 language translation projects. These translators are responding to the local churches and ministries need to make Scripture available more quickly for church planting and discipleship. In early 2010 they entered into their 600th language partnership.

Foreign Missions

**Trans World Radio (TWR)**

P.O. Box 8700 Cary, NC 27512  
(800) 456-7897 / [www.twr.org](http://www.twr.org)

TWR proclaims the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in areas of the world where other forms of Christian witness may not be possible. TWR also eagerly supports the work of evangelism and Christian nurturing in other countries, working in harmony with Christian missionaries and evangelical churches worldwide. Its media broadcasts the Gospel in more than 225 languages and dialects to more than 160 countries. Programs air from 2,000 worldwide outlets, including 14 major international sites, satellite, Internet, and local AM and FM stations.

Evangelism

**Village Missions**

696 E. Ellendale Avenue, PO Box 197, Dallas, OR 97338-1097  
(503) 623-4107 / [www.village-missions.org](http://www.village-missions.org)

Village Missions exists to glorify Jesus Christ by developing spiritually vital churches in rural North America. They focus efforts where there is no evangelical church or where it is in danger of ceasing. They find and place pastors, provide the financial support, and provide regional leadership to help pastors and their local church boards achieve long-term ministry. The objective is to reach the entire community; therefore, denominational issues are avoided. The aim is to provide a Christ-centered community church program involving the entire population of a local community.

Christian Growth

**Vision Forum Ministries**

4719 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX 78212  
(866) 440-0022 / [www.visionforumministries.org](http://www.visionforumministries.org)

Vision Forum Ministries mission is to turn the hearts of fathers to their families, to proclaim the nobility and glory of motherhood and to revive the doctrine of "Women and Children First," and more. They encourage and equip the biblical family, to train and facilitate fathers leading their families in righteousness, and to provide a forum of events, messages, and resources to assist in family's multi-generational legacy of faithfulness.

Relief and Development

**World Hope International (WHI)**

625 Slaters Lane, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314  
(888) 466-4673 / [www.worldhope.org](http://www.worldhope.org)

WHI is a Christian relief and development organization working with vulnerable exploited communities to alleviate poverty, suffering and injustice. Training and empowering national staff is a central tenant behind WHI's sustainable development philosophy. The hope is that even after WHI's programs have ended, beneficiaries will have sufficient training and capacity to develop their own creative initiatives and even train others. WHI seeks to sow seeds in impoverished areas that will bear fruit in opportunity, dignity, and hope for those who were once forgotten.

Relief and Development

**World Relief (WR)**

7 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21202  
(800) 535-5433 / [www.worldrelief.org](http://www.worldrelief.org)

World Relief's calling is to stand for the vulnerable. WR practices principles of transformational development to empower local churches in the United States and around the world so they can serve the vulnerable in their communities. They have initiatives in education, health, child development, agriculture, food security, anti-trafficking, immigrant services, micro-enterprise, disaster response and refugee resettlement. They work holistically with the local church to stand for the sick, the widow, the orphan, the alien, the displaced, the devastated and the disenfranchised.

Foreign Missions

**Wycliffe Bible Translators**

P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862  
(800) 992-5433 / [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)

Wycliffe Bible Translators advances the translation of the Word of God into all those languages of the world where it is needed. Wycliffe desires to provide access to Scriptures to everyone in the language they understand best. The majority of the remaining translation needs represent minority languages—relatively small people groups, many of which struggle to maintain their identity in the shadow of majority culture. Often these groups have no written language of their own, and many struggle to gain the literacy skills they need to prosper in the majority culture.

## General Evaluation Criteria

Information was evaluated from approximately the fall of 2009 to the fall of 2010; however, there was not a hard and fast evaluation date.

### (1) Transparency

- ◆ Ministries with a trend of openness and transparency were included and those ministries providing more than a token amount of information were evaluated greater than someone grudgingly providing a minimum of information, because they "had to"
- ◆ Organizations with a trend of pushing emotional buttons in a hard sales approach in fundraising persuasion were excluded
- ◆ Any indication of an organization obscuring critical information from scrutiny was eliminated

### (2) Truth Claims

- ◆ All the ministers on the list have at some point been verified as an IRS tax-exempt entity, and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law
- ◆ Any organization with indications of a problem with their IRS tax-exempt status would be excluded
- ◆ Any organization that had a matter of fact in dispute (from a credible source), about what they have said, or actually do, would be excluded

### (3) Values

- ◆ Ministries that were unashamed of being identified as an evangelical Christian ministry were included
- ◆ Any organization that may hedge on its "Christian" identity would be excluded
- ◆ It was our desire to include those ministries that were "Christian" more than in name only, not just marketing to Christians as a market segment for "Christian donor money", but ministries that had theological underpinnings and Biblical values that determined their actions
- ◆ Organizations that relied more on a secular motivation and means were excluded as well as those "ministries" that seem to view the organization as their own vehicle as a business to make money rather than a love to maximize ministry to others
- ◆ Any organization with real controversial extra-Biblical dogmas would be excluded
- ◆ Any organization that may waver on a pro-life stance would be excluded

### (4) Sectors

- ◆ A factor also included getting a sampling of various sectors, or functions of ministry, such as Relief and Development, Evangelism, Christian Growth, etc.

### (5) Resourcefulness

- ◆ If there were a couple organizations in the same sector, doing similar work, how efficient they were could be a tie breaking factor; however, a high MinistryWatch.com Financial Efficiency Rating was not a driving factor for inclusion on this particular list, although most do have good ratings.
- ◆ Any organization that looked like a perpetual foundation that could live on investments for years would be excluded
- ◆ Any organization that looked like it was more talk than actually doing things would be excluded
- ◆ Ministries that seemed to be doing the right thing before God and man, even when no one is watching, were moved above others that seemed enamored with riches and where not maximizing the ministry at every opportunity
- ◆ Any ministry with an overly complicated organization structure with lots of separate entities, that resulted in more than one salary for the same people, and that was difficult to understand would be excluded

### (6) Red Flag Issues

- ◆ Any unexplained odd aspects of a ministry would be reason to exclude it

### (7) Counsel

- ◆ Feedback, advice, and criticism of various ministries was welcomed and became a part of the selection

## Comments Welcome

Help us improve the process for next year. Please send your suggestions and criticisms. Not only on the methodology and areas examined, but ministries to apply the criteria for next year. Please send an email to: [info@wallwatchers.org](mailto:info@wallwatchers.org)

## Contact Information and Resources

### Government Contacts

#### Internal Revenue Service

Exempt organization customer service address:

Internal Revenue Service  
TE/GE Customer Account Services  
P.O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

- Tax-exempt assistance: 1-877-829-5500
- General tax questions: 1-800-829-1040
- Order forms and publications: 1-800-829-3676
- Website: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
- Verify tax-exempt status
- Verify tax deductibility
- Obtaining federal tax-exempt status
- Completing federal tax forms
- Specialized assistance to tax-exempt organizations

#### Attorneys General offices, or Departments of Justice, Charitable Activities Section

Most states have an active unit of the Attorney General's office that are willing to help consumers. Check with NASCO (National Association of State Charities Officials) at [www.NASCO.net](http://www.NASCO.net), look under US State Charity Offices and click on the state of interest.

- Reporting illegal activity by nonprofit organizations
- Information about charitable organizations and copies of annual reports
- Questions about professional fundraising reporting requirements
- Registrations of charitable corporations or trusts
- Questions about annual reports for charitable organizations
- Merging nonprofit organizations
- Serving as a board member of a nonprofit organization
- Dissolving nonprofit organizations

#### Secretary of State, Corporation Division

Check phone number on the Internet or your local phonebook under state government.

- Verifying that a nonprofit corporation is in fact incorporated and current in its filing
- Obtaining copies of filed articles of incorporation and amendments
- Forming a new corporation
- Obtaining state identification numbers
- Merging nonprofit corporations
- Amending articles of incorporation
- Dissolving nonprofit corporations

#### Federal Trade Commission

Consumer Response Center  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
1-877-382-4357  
Website: [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)

- Information on fraudulent, deceptive and unfair business practices
- How to file a complaint

### Christian Ministry Marketplace

#### MinistryWatch.com

1 (866) 364-9980

[www.ministrywatch.com](http://www.ministrywatch.com)

A free donor advocate service facilitating the information needs of donors. Profiles Public Charities, church and para-church ministries to aid donors in understanding the key issues concerning a ministry's operations.

#### The Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA)

1 (800) 323-9473

[www.ecfa.org](http://www.ecfa.org)

A membership ministry advocate. A peer accountability membership group. Primary responsibility to the ministries that pay dues to the ECFA and thereby fund its operations.

#### Generous Giving

[www.generousgiving.org](http://www.generousgiving.org)

Nonprofit that seeks to encourage givers of all income levels to experience the joy of giving and embrace a lifestyle of generosity, according to God's word and Christ's example. It was launched in 2000 by the Maclellan Foundation.

#### Royal Treasure

1 (770) 977-4502

[www.royaltreasure.org](http://www.royaltreasure.org)

Nonprofit teaching Biblical Stewardship to women.

#### The Gathering

[www.gatheringweb.com](http://www.gatheringweb.com)

Conferences, email forums, conference calls and other activities for those that give a minimum of \$200,000 annually to Christian ministries or have the capacity to do so.

#### National Christian Foundation

[www.nationalchristian.com](http://www.nationalchristian.com)

Facilitates Christian stewardship. Helps donors set up a Stewardship Fund, a donor advised fund, liquidate assets, provide gift annuities, trusts, scholarships, and endowments.

#### Calvin Edwards, & Co.

[Info@calvinedwardscompany.com](mailto:Info@calvinedwardscompany.com)

For profit organization providing philanthropic counsel to high-capacity Christian donors.

#### Geneva Global

[info@GenevaGlobal.com](mailto:info@GenevaGlobal.com)

[www.genevaglobal.com](http://www.genevaglobal.com)

For profit organization assisting individual donors.

#### Excellence in Giving

[www.excellenceingiving.com](http://www.excellenceingiving.com)

For profit organization with tailored services of affluent families and individuals.

#### The Legacy Group

[www.philanthropyatwork.com](http://www.philanthropyatwork.com)

For profit organization to assist private wealth management and those to achieve charitable goals.

#### The Eternity Portfolio

[www.eternityportfolio.com](http://www.eternityportfolio.com)

Book by Alan Gotthardt that shows how to get the ultimate return on your investments through investing in eternity.

#### Strategic Resource Group

[www.srginc.org](http://www.srginc.org)

Nonprofit directing people, prayer and financial resources with churches and key ministries in the Middle East.

### Secular Resources

#### GuideStar

[www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org)

Largest public search engine of nonprofit organizations. Provides access to many tax-exempt organization's IRS Form 990s. Some knowledge of accounting may be necessary to understand the documents found on this site.

#### BBB Wise Giving Alliance

[www.give.org](http://www.give.org)

A charitable watchdog site. The Alliance reports on nationally soliciting charitable organizations that are the subject of donor inquiries. These reports include an evaluation of the subject charity in relation to the voluntary BBB charity standards.

#### Charity Navigator

[www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)

Helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the financial health of each charity in its database.

#### Charity Channel

[www.charitychannel.com](http://www.charitychannel.com)

Known best for its nonprofit email arena discussion forums.

#### The American Institute of Philanthropy

[www.charitywatch.org](http://www.charitywatch.org)

A charitable watchdog group that rates US charities in different categories. Fee for reports. They also provide tips to insure safe giving.

#### The Charities Review Council

[www.crcmn.org](http://www.crcmn.org)

Conducts detailed reviews of national and local charitable organizations soliciting in the State of Minnesota. They also provide tips and guides for donors to help them make wise giving decisions.

#### Idealist.org / Action Without Borders

[www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)

Provides an array of nonprofit and volunteering resources.

#### Independent Sector

[www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)

A national leadership forum, working to encourage philanthropy, volunteering, nonprofit initiative and citizen action that help to better serve people and communities. There is a section on ethics and accountability, including donor's bill of rights, related publications, articles and other resources.

#### Chronicle of Philanthropy

[www.philanthropy.com](http://www.philanthropy.com)

Biweekly newspaper of the nonprofit world.

#### The Nonprofit Times

[www.nptimes.com](http://www.nptimes.com)

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