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## YOUR IRA

Don't rely on an IRA trustee to keep records of your beneficiary designations and distribution elections. These may not be used for decades and papers can and do get lost. Firms that serve as IRA trustees merge, move, reorganize their offices, etc., and sometimes lose things in the process.

### ESTATE PLANNING

**Trap:** If your elections are lost, the trustee will distribute your IRA funds following its "default" options—which may be very different from what you elected.

**Safety:** When making beneficiary designations and distribution elections, obtain acknowledged copies from the IRA trustee and keep them with your

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in recent months by the number of churches reporting people accepting Christ on a weekly basis. Our pastors' excitement oozes through the print...and it's contagious.

I remain focused in my diligence to restore a culture of outreach and evangelism in Open Bible Churches. We will not fulfill the Great Commission through a program. Genuine love for lost people must be a deeply held core value with each of our ministers and in each of our churches. It must be incarnate in the way we live. It is one thing for us to say we care about lost people; it is quite another to demonstrate that love in active deeds of Christian kindness.

Responsibility for the harvest begins

will or other estate planning documents.

### Estate tax break for Roth IRA

**conversions:** Many are reluctant to convert regular IRAs to Roth IRAs that pay tax-free distributions, because of the income tax they will owe at the time of the conversion.

However, if your estate is large enough to owe estate tax, there will be an estate tax saving. The income tax paid on the conversion reduces the amount of your taxable estate. With estate tax rates reaching up to 55%, the estate tax savings could offset much of the income tax cost. Check with your tax advisor. The savings may reduce the cost of the conversion enough to make it attractive.

with me, and with you...not with the impersonal phrase "the Church." We are the Church, and if the Church is to awaken, then it is you and I who must wake up. What wakes people up? An alarm! So let it sound, Lord, and in the process "lift our eyes to the fields" and "move us with compassion for the multitudes."

By the way, there is another harvest sign, perhaps above all others, that will cause a smile to explode on the Father's face. I know what it is! Do you?



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# Jeff's JOURNAL

Insider Notes, News, Trends, and Resources from the President's Office

## Signs of a Coming Harvest

At a recent meeting in Washington D.C. the moderator asked Ken Copeland what he sensed about the Church in America. I loved Ken's answer: "There is a sleeping giant in the land...the Pentecostal Church...and it is waking up."

I concur the USA Church has been asleep. And Dr. Vinson Synan's research leaves no doubt the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement is a giant...and growing rapidly, especially in the third world. Synan argues convincingly this river is at flood stage and is unrivaled in the history of our planet by any movement of any kind.

But what about the "waking up" part? Are we really on the front edge of a national revival, the scope of which we are unable to comprehend? Is a spiritual earthquake about to disrupt our routine lives and create a wave of molten repentance and foundation-shaking renewal that will transform us, our neighborhoods, and our nation?

A bi-vocational minister in Tulsa called me. The media business for which he works has favor with large ministries around the world. These ministries often need assistance buying airtime to help disciple the masses being saved. He shared two simple stories...signs that a harvest is in process. One humble pastor in Brazil finds himself leading 900 churches. The church he pastors and most of the others hold five services a day, seven days a week! Another pastor in French-speaking Congo has ministered up to 200,000 at one time.

Intercessors for the Middle East point to the events surrounding September 11, 2001, and the open door for democracy and the gospel

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## CHURCH COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Your church needs to honor copyrights on all intellectual property, including, but not limited to, books, magazines, photographs, music, drama, and audio-visual. A copyright holder has exclusive use of the property except for certain, very limited uses. Each copyright lasts for a specific period of years before it comes into the public domain.

### CHURCH LAW

The largest risk for churches is copying music, photographs, and large sections from Bibles other than the KJV (the only version in the public domain). Music copyright libraries like CCLI are great investments for churches, allowing them to use projected words for worship services (approximately 2,000 selections).

Via a legal doctrine called "work for hire," churches own the copyright to all works created by their employees or anyone for

whom the church commissions a particular work. This becomes a major issue with worship leaders who write choruses and pastors who write books or manuals in the field in which they are employed by the church. These copyrights and any royalties that might flow from them are assets of the church and cannot be given to the creator without jeopardizing the 501(c)(3) status of the corporation.

Churches should have an intellectual property rights policy to deal with these issues before they arise.

This is a very important and often misunderstood and misused area of the law. Copyright infringement and private benefit or personal inurement from copyrighted assets can lead to a church's demise either by large judgments rendered against the church, or by the loss of the 501(c)(3) status.

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in the Muslim world as an undisputed sign of a coming harvest. Years of prayer for these 10/40 Window countries is being answered.

The Internet has exponentially increased the spread of the gospel worldwide. Searching people can find God's help and a redeeming Savior with the click of the mouse. Evangelism Web sites are alive with activity. Global satellite technology allows preachers to reach around the globe to all 26 time zones. Two days ago a missionary to India told me about people gathering in one-room huts with thatched roofs...and they had televisions!

Closer to home, Ramona reminds me of the press of God's Spirit on our young people. Last Sunday morning during a prearranged water baptism service in our

sanctuary, one teenage boy was so moved by Christ's command to be baptized that he jumped out of his pew and got in line (without a change of clothes). Pastor yielded to the cry of his heart and agreed to do the prerequisite class later.

On my son's 17th birthday, Andrew chose not to have a party, but to go instead on a "prayer drive" (like prayer walking) with three other teenagers. They drove in and out of neighborhoods praying for lost people. All four of these kids are straight A students...none of them are slackers...and each has a passionate, clear call to missions. Isn't that what we have been praying for? Isn't that a sign?

Here's another. Several of our churches include the national office on their newsletter mailing list. I have been moved

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## Prayer & Evangelism

When God intends to bless His people, the first thing He does is to set them praying.  
*Matthew Henry*

God's greatest concern is not the length of our prayers, nor the correctness of our language, but the attitude of our hearts.  
*Leighton Ford*

Prayer is the very sword of the saints.  
*Francis Thompson*

Pray God's highest hope for man's deepest need.

God is not a lip-reader; He is a heart-reader.  
*George Otis, Jr.*

The greatest army in time and in our world travels best on its knees.  
*William D. Morrow*

In the first 300 years of Christian history after Jesus' resurrection, nearly all evangelism was the result of praying for physical healing and casting out of demons.  
*Francis McNutt*

People live in groups and feel isolated. They live in community, yet feel unloved. They live in freedom and feel bound. They live in license but lack liberty. We need to see our communities as our place of ministry and the Church as the training ground for that effort.  
*William D. Morrow*

There is a sleeping giant in the land. It is the Pentecostal Church...and it is waking up.  
*Kenneth Copeland*

## Book Briefs

### Duped

By Bob Laflin and Terry Jensen  
ACW Press  
142 pages

What started as a magician's viewpoint on the mechanics of magic and its influence on people has ended up a study on the subject of deception and how it relates to the church. *Duped (Barely a Christian with Some of the Benefits)* offers readers a unique perspective concerning the obstacles Christians encounter while seeking truth. It reveals how deception affects our thinking, influences our choices, infests our churches, and can make individuals into "virtual" Christians.

*Duped* is a study on discipleship. The enemy knows deception "misdirects" us from our central mandate to become disciples and to love God. The authors contend if deception is minimized or eliminated from an individual's life, the heart will be more receptive to truth...more likely to follow the Lord in true relationship.

*Duped* available online at [www.BarnesandNoble.com](http://www.BarnesandNoble.com) and [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). Or order: send \$14.95 plus \$3 S&H to "DSC," P.O.Box 13394, Mill Creek, WA 98082-1394.

### Generational Legacy

"Breaking the Curse, Starting the Blessing"  
by C. Daniel LeLaCheur  
Family Survival Publishers  
187 pages

*Generational Legacy* explores God's great plan for families through generational blessings. But living outside the blessing opens one to satanic influence that flows from one generation to the next. Let Pastor Dan lead you and your family to a life transforming miracle that will break generational curses and heal their wounds.

This sad scenario is not just unregenerate parents producing unregenerate children; it is parents taking the blessing and salvation of God for granted. Many Christians have sacrificed their children on the altars of materialism, success, and acceptance. They have stepped from under the promised blessing into a curse.

Pastor Dan believes the secret sins of the fathers will be displayed openly by their children. Learn how to bless your children with such powerful love that it will carry them into adulthood and parenting.

*Generational Legacy* can be ordered for \$10.00 from Family Survival Ministries, P.O. Box 2114, Eugene, OR 97402

## Health Hints

### Making the Most of Your Visit to the Doctor

Most physicians only allot 10 to 20 minutes for an office visit. Learn how to use this time to your best advantage. Here are some tips to help you prepare:

Think about your main health concern or issues. Write notes about your symptoms and don't forget to mention any treatments you have tried.

Keep a symptom diary. Record your symptoms in a notebook with details.

Gather your medical history. You should have a complete medical file at home which includes your medical history, drugs prescribed, any adverse reactions, and any allergies.

Bring your medications. Bring all your medications including over-the-counter products, vitamins, and herbs so your doctor will have a complete picture of what you're taking.

When you get to the doctor's office:

Don't waste time. Get to the point of why you're there.

Be honest. It will be difficult for your physician to make a complete diagnosis without all the correct information.

Take notes or tape-record the conversation. It may be better to bring a friend or family member to take notes, so you can listen to the doctor.

Ask questions. And keep asking until you fully understand.