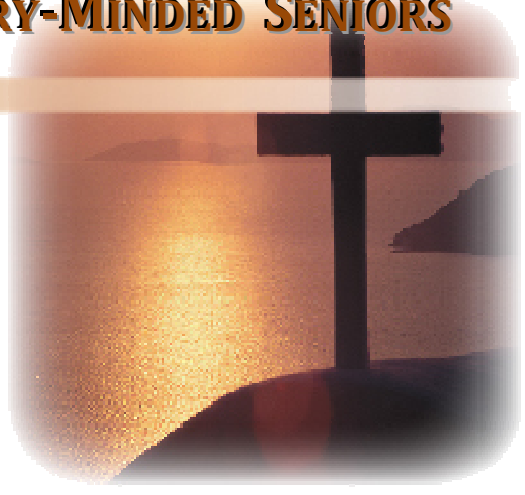


YEAR-END TAX SAVINGS FOR MINISTRY-MINDED SENIORS



"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

Did you know that seniors 70 ½ years old and older can take advantage of a special tax-saving opportunity to make gifts directly to kingdom causes from their IRA?

Now through December 31, 2009, seniors can make a distribution directly to charity without increasing their taxable income or withholding. Additionally, funds transferred from an IRA to charity do not result in higher taxes on Social Security income.

Here's an example to show you how this works: Suppose Bill has \$500,000 in an IRA. Bill contacts the trustee of the IRA and requests that \$15,000 be transferred to charity. He will not pay tax on the \$15,000 distributed to charity. Bill is excited to honor God and bless charity in this way!

Is the Lord leading you to give in this way? As you pray about it, consider if any of the following are true for you:

- Instead of itemizing deductions, you use the standard deduction.
- You've named your chosen charity as beneficiary of your IRA in your Estate Plan.
- Given your income level, you may lose some of your itemized deductions.

Please note that certain limitations apply to these non-taxable charitable distributions from an IRA:

- The gifts can only be made during 2009.
- You must be 70 ½ years old when the gift is transferred.
- IRA gifts cannot exceed \$100,000 per year, per IRA owner or beneficiary.
- Gifts must be made directly to a public charity (they cannot be made to a donor advised fund or private foundation)
- The gifts cannot be used to fund a Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust.



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