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# CHANGE THE COURSE OF GENERATIONS

CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION POINTS THE WAY

ASSOCIATION OF CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



**THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SAYS:  
"STAND AT THE CROSSROADS AND LOOK;  
ASK FOR THE ANCIENT PATHS,  
ASK WHERE THE GOOD WAY IS, AND WALK IN IT...**

**JEREMIAH 6:16**

# A TIME-HONORED PATH CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE

**16,000.**

That's the number of hours the average American student spends in school. Each of these hours helps to chart a course, not just for their lives, but also for their families, their communities, and this nation.

It's clear that education's current path is leading to a dead end. Not only is academic and reasoning ability in a well-documented slide, but worldviews have become distorted, turning students away from truth and faith. We see the results all around us, from incivility and purposelessness to rising addiction and suicide rates.

But there's a different path we can take. **What if those 16,000 school hours pointed students**

**toward a new perspective of our world, centered in Christ?**

That's what guides the philosophy of Classical Christian Education and our mission at ACCS.

Distinct from the progressive model used by most public and Christian schools that focuses on test preparation and job skills, Classical Christian Education establishes a biblical worldview by integrating ancient methods of student development. This places children on the path to greater purpose and a deeper understanding of God, the world

He created, and their place in His redemptive plan.

The end result is a generation ready to stake out a new course, walk in the good way, and restore the values and ideas that can answer the challenges our culture is facing.

**You can be a part of this movement.** This proposal boldly asks you to help ACCS organize, direct, and greatly expand the reach of Classical Christian Education. With your support, we can change the trajectory of future generations.

**But there's a different path we can take.**



**David Goodwin,**  
PRESIDENT OF ACCS



**Ty Fischer,**  
BOARD DIRECTOR  
OF STRATEGIC GROWTH

# CHARTING A DIFFERENT COURSE

For the last century, education has focused on test results and readiness for college or career. The model is so common, it's how most public and Christian schools approach teaching and learning.

But it's not working. America's academic and reasoning ability has been in a well-documented decline for decades. And, apart from scholastic achievement, Christian discipleship and understanding of the truth of Scripture is also lacking. The result, according to Barna Trends, is that only 17% of committed Christians have a Christian worldview.

Classical Christian Education shows us another way, proven over centuries to produce people committed to truth and prepared to lead their families, churches, and the nation. It offers a robust mix of ideas, literature, and history that formed the foundation of Western civilization, along with the ability to reason and communicate clearly, and the commitment to cultivating virtue and Christian discipleship.

These distinctives set Classical Christian Education apart from other educational philosophies:



## **Illuminating all study with Scripture**

More than simply inserting a Bible verse into curriculum, the truth of God's Word brings light to the teaching and understanding of every subject. This outfits students with a strong biblical worldview that guides their decisions now and in the years to come.



## **Training to lead with eloquence**

Using methods based on the ancient tradition of the Trivium, Classical Christian Education teaches students to understand language, reason logically, and communicate clearly. This prepares them to write, speak, and lead others with graceful persuasion.



## **Shaping souls to seek wisdom**

Time-tested books, thoughtful stories, and study of historical original sources guide students toward a rich understanding of literature and history. This points the way to and sets the standard for understanding what is true, lovely, and excellent.



## **Forming hearts that love God and His world**

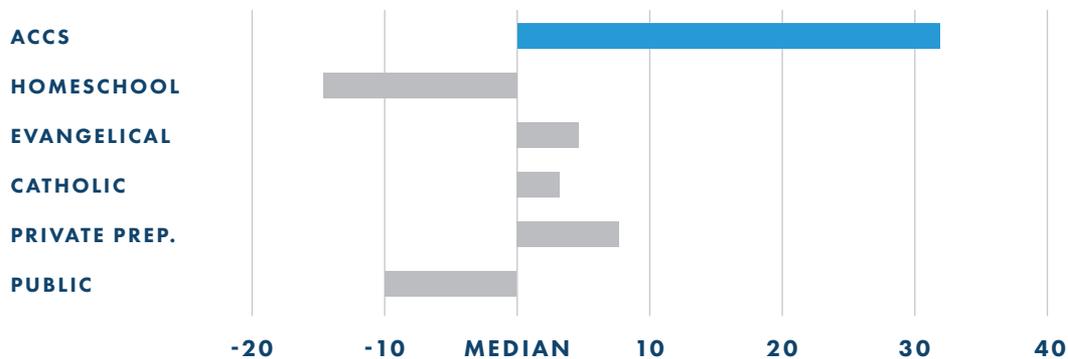
All students take in information, but focusing on the good, true, and beautiful also teaches them about the nature of God and the power of the gospel. This shows them what it means to seek Him first, love their neighbors, and live out their callings wherever He leads them.

# CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GRADUATES LEAD THE WAY

Where progressive education lacks focus on wisdom, character, careful thought, and spiritual formation, Classical Christian Education shows a better way to learn and live. This can change the trajectory of a generation—and a culture.

## ACCS Alumni Are Most Prepared for the Future

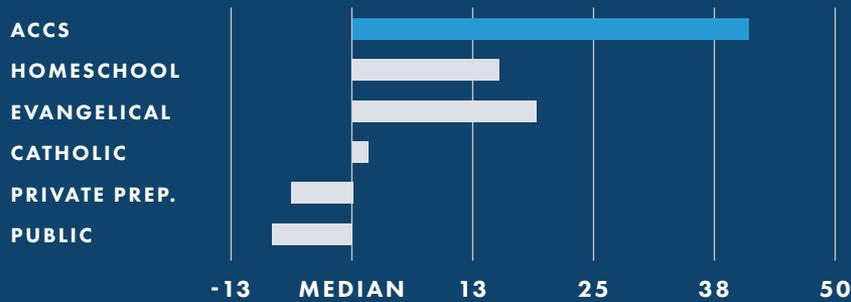
ACCS alumni and private prep school alumni were the most prepared.



# ACCS ALUMNI LIVE OUT THEIR FAITH

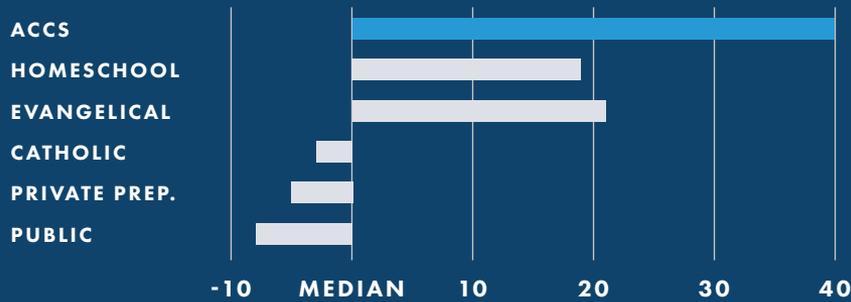
## Christian Life

ACCS Alumni live their faith.



## Christian Commitment

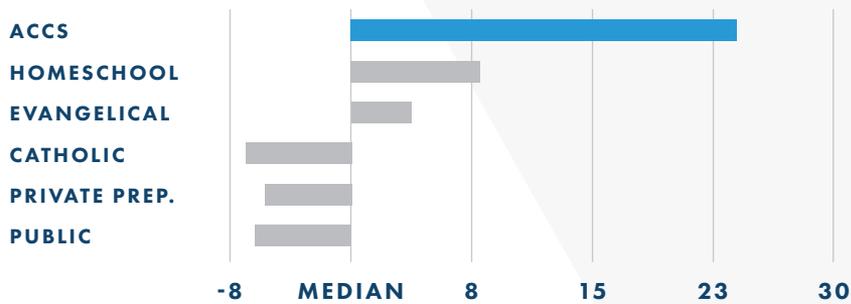
ACCS alumni are more involved in church and community.



# ACCS ALUMNI HAVE A HOPEFUL, ENGAGED WORLDVIEW

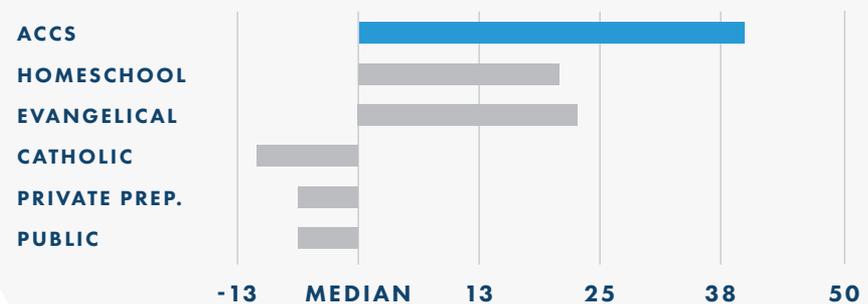
## Life Outlook

ACCS alumni have positive life outlooks, indicating better life-satisfaction.



## Conservative and Traditional

ACCS alumni lead a clear divide between Christians and secular schools.







Classical Christian education taught me to be a lover of learning. Instead of learning material simply to regurgitate it on a test, my teachers guided me to ask good questions and learn deeply about ideas.

## God has used that as He continues to reveal His purpose for me, working alongside the church to serve people from different cultures

by teaching English and building relationships. It's helped me listen well and better understand where people are coming from so we can meet their physical and spiritual needs.



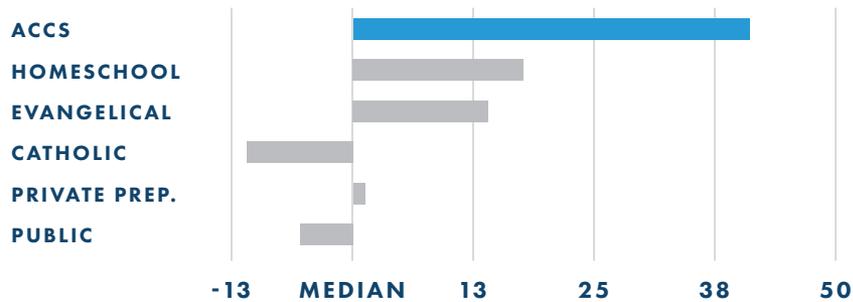
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# ACCS ALUMNI LIVE LIVES OF INFLUENCE

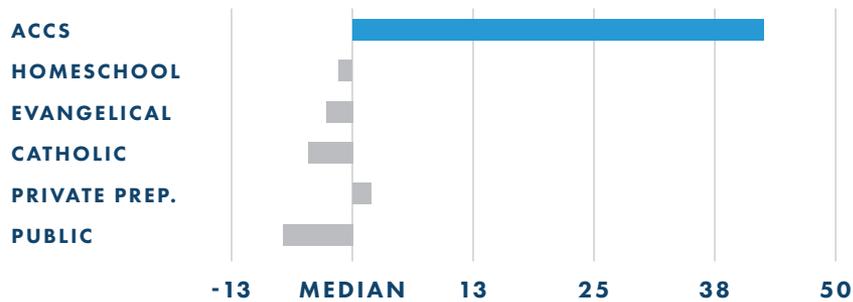
## Independent Thinkers

ACCS alumni defy categories as they retain orthodoxy AND engage the world.



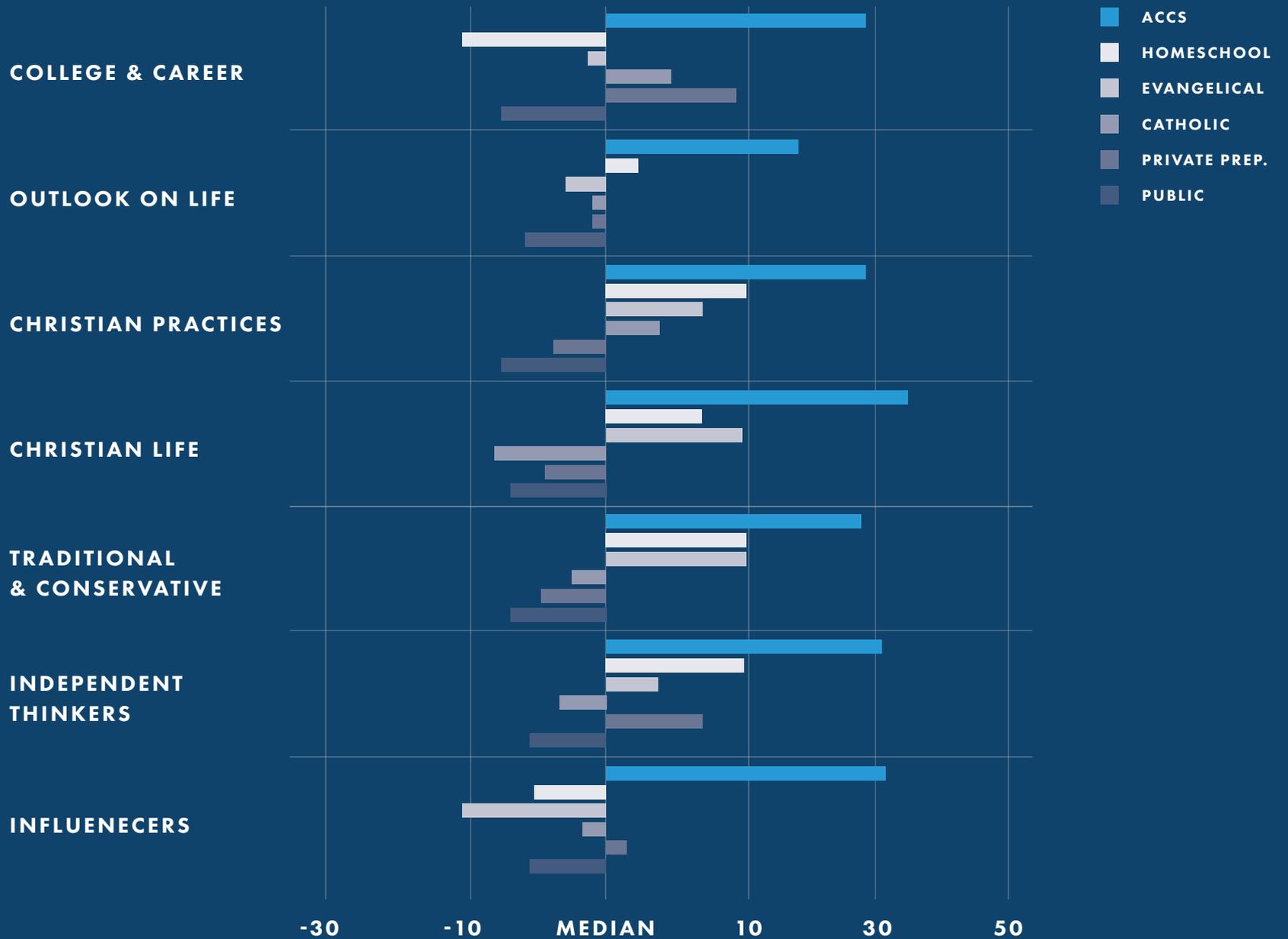
## Influential

ACCS alumni desire to serve and are able to engage policy makers.



## Life Outcome Profiles

Alumni age 23–44, School-related outcomes





I can't quantify the value of my classical Christian education; it's invaluable. It gave me a foundation of knowledge and continues to help me put information together coherently and persuasively as I practice law. The grounding in rhetoric helps me defend regulations and convince judges on a constitutionally rational basis.

## Most importantly, the saturation in Scripture influences how I view and interact with the world,

and has given me a love for God's Word that continues to this day. It's a gift I want to give to my children someday.



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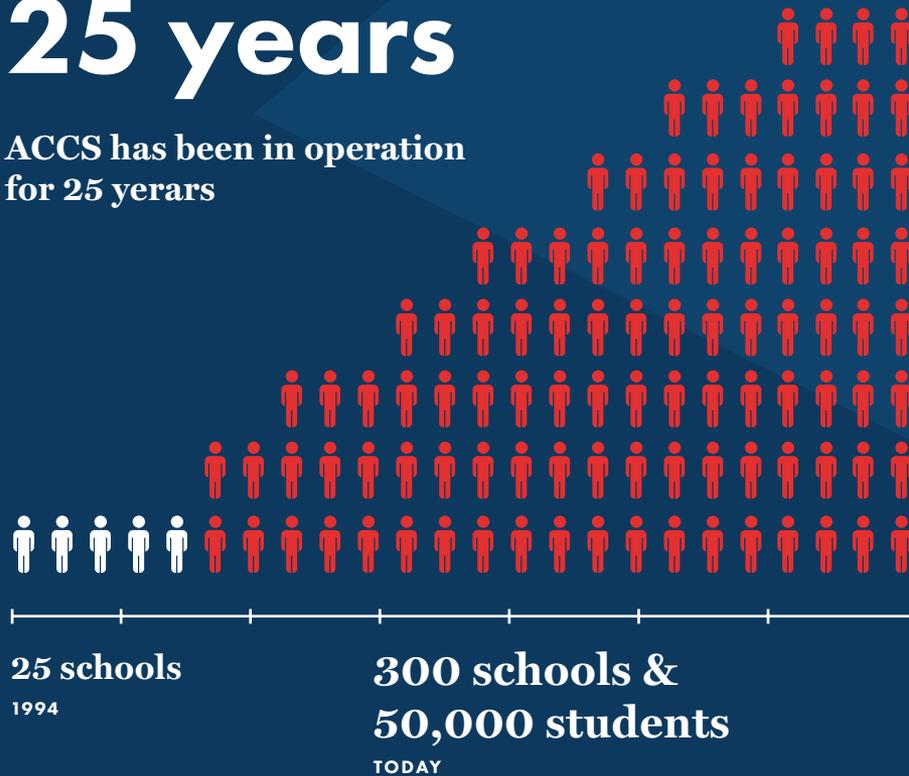


# ACCS IS LEADING THE WAY

What's become the Classical Christian Education movement launched in the early 1980s with the formation of 3 classical schools, each in a different state. Within a few years, more than 100 schools were established and, in 1994, The Association of Classical Christian Schools was founded to meet the demand for training and information on this distinct model of education. We are now the most prominent organizing body for this fast-growing educational movement.

## 25 years

ACCS has been in operation for 25 years



### Path for Impact and Growth

- 1 **STARTUP  
INCUBATOR**
- 2 **RAISE  
AWARENESS**
- 3 **CADE/  
SCALABILITY**

## Path for Impact and Growth

1

# STARTUP INCUBATOR

Increase the availability of Classical Christian Education by creating efficiencies and providing centralized resources to open new schools.



100

Classical Christian schools an educational option in the top 100 metro areas of the U.S.



1,200

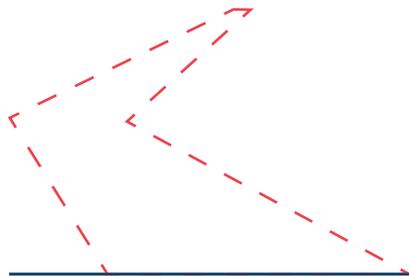
300,000 students in 1,200 classical Christian schools



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## How we'll get there



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**DEVELOP** a robust teacher training program by creating regional training centers, a model school program, and online learning platform.

2

**CREATE** a collegiate training and accreditation program for ACCS leaders and teachers to ensure they are fully prepared to instruct and guide students.

3

**IMPROVE** the effectiveness of ACCS's new and existing tools.



## RAISE AWARENESS

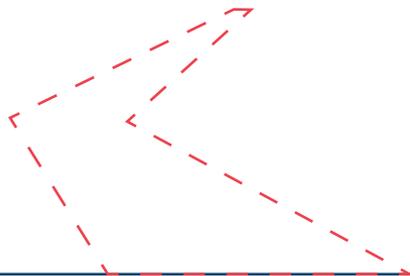
Increase the awareness of Classical Christian Education through a coordinated marketing campaign. This campaign will utilize strategic and compelling communication, promotion, and positioning.



80%

80% of evangelicals can make an informed decision about Classical Christian Education

### How we'll get there



**1 PARTNER WITH A PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM** to promote Classical Christian Education in prominent evangelical circles, including nationally-distributed magazines, websites, and other news outlets.

**2 BUILD A WEB COMMUNITY** of 50,000 contacts to support Classical Christian Education.

**3 RESEARCH MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS**, from documentaries to connections with influencers who can spread the word about Classical Christian Education.

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## CADE/ SCALABILITY

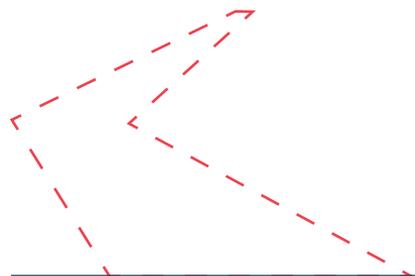
Provide accountability to ensure future Classical Christian schools continue their effectiveness.



80%

80% of Classical Christian schools are members of ACCS.

### How we'll get there



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#### DEVELOP OR IMPROVE 5 ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEMS

to create uniform quality within Classical Christian Education: Accreditation, teacher and leader certification, diploma authorization, training systems, and curricula endorsement.



# YOUR SUPPORT WILL CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

Join us on the ancient path, the one that leads toward the truth, beauty, and goodness of God.

Your gifts in support of ACCS and the Classical Christian Education movement will put students on a different course and prepare them to live out their God-given purpose. Give today.

## How to Give



**ONLINE**  
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GIFT PHASES	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III
Startup Incubator	\$200,000	\$1,200,000	\$12,000,000
Raise Awareness	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$800,000
CADE/Scalability	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$900,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>	<b>\$13,700,000</b>

GIFTS	AMOUNT	TOTALS
1	\$200,000	\$200,000
1	\$100,000	\$100,000
4	\$50,000	\$200,000
8	\$25,000	\$200,000
10	\$10,000	\$100,000
20	\$5,000	\$100,000
Many	Various	\$100,000
<b>PHASE I</b>		<b>\$1,000,000</b>

**YOU WILL SHOW ME THE WAY OF LIFE,  
GRANTING ME THE JOY OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AND THE PLEASURES OF LIVING WITH YOU FOREVER.**

**PSALM 16:11**



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