

Larry Wiens - Bio

Larry is a native of Northern California. After Seminary and Ordination, he worked for 15 years in youth ministry including Executive Director position for Youth For Christ in Contra Costa County.

While directing the non-profit ministry, Larry realized that 60% of his time was spent raising money and administrating. Only 40% of his time was used working with young people. When he started his own business, Larry wondered if the same ratios would work there also. They did. For the last 40 years, Larry has run his business with 60% of his time leaving the other 40% to be involved in various non-profit Christian leadership roles. Larry says it is possible if you work only in the areas of your strengths and trust other people that you hire to compliment you with their strengths.

Since then, Larry has worked in business, mostly for companies he started himself: retail stores, computer imaging systems, and financial planning.

In 2013, Larry has turned his Financial Advisor business over to his son-in-law and became the founding Managing Partner of the San Francisco Bay Area Barnabas Group. This national organization brings together business executives who want to contribute their expertise to help non-profits grow and the Kingdom of God expand.

Currently, Larry is videotaping a class he has taught for 12 years called: The Bible and Today's Culture. This class encourages Christians to see their careers as callings and to view the Bible as offering guidance for jobs in all domains/mountains of society.

Larry grew up in a wonderfully secure Christian home and the Mennonite Brethren Church. Larry's wife, Esther, is an interior decorator and minister to young moms. They have celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary. Larry's son, Ryan, returned from 6 years in China with his wife Valerie and four sons. Ryan taught underground church pastors. In the USA, Ryan has started his own business around several inventions he created. Larry's daughter, Stacy, has homeschooled her three children while her husband, Beau Fisher, is running Larry's former business.