

Interim Ministry Resources

Chapter 8 Stewardship

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Resources

1) Abundance

Abundance - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

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<https://spiritualityhealth.com/articles/2015/09/21/50-quotes-abundance>
www.lifeohm.com/worlds-greatest-abundance-quotes/
<https://www.evelynlim.com/20-inspirational-abundance-quotes/>
www.wiseoldsayings.com/abundance-quotes/
<http://powerfulmoneyaffirmations.com/best-abundance-quotes/>

Rethinking Abundance: How Three Congregations Rediscovered it for Themselves - Alban

Alban senior writer *Linda-Marie Delloff* shares stories of three congregations that rediscovered abundance.

Alban at Duke Divinity School » Rethinking Abundance: How Three Congregations Rediscovered It for Themselves

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<https://alban.org/archive/stewardship-and-simple-thinking/>
<https://alban.org/category/money-finance/>
<http://www.elizabethpresbytery.org/Resource%20Center%20ON%20THE%20WEB/Alban%20Institute%20Resources%202012.pdf>
<https://alban.org/about-alban/alban-weekly/>

The Secret to Abundant Living: Learning How to Ask - The Parish Paper

Many people feel they should pray, but few know how. The following steps, if used fifteen minutes daily for fourteen consecutive days, enable you to experience God's peace, joy, and power in a way you have never known before.

[PDF] C--Prayer Card - The Parish Paper

<https://www.theparishpaper.com/sites/default/files/resources/The%20Secret%20to%20Abundant%20Living-.pdf>
<https://www.theparishpaper.com/free-resources> The Secret to Abundant Living: Learning How to Ask
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2) Apps

APPS WITH THE BISHOP

Join the bishop for appetizers and conversation about generosity with a special emphasis on giving Apps and other church related APPs. These events are for rostered leaders, Congregation Councils, treasurers, financial teams, and anyone in your congregation that is tech savvy and willing to move your congregation into the electronic giving arena.

Generosity conversations with the bishop are happening around the synod this fall. These events will take place across the synod.

Invited are all of you; your church councils; your stewardship/financial people and your "techies" and Office staff.

They will feature: Delicious APPetizer's, Learning about phone APPS, Door prizes of APPlebees Gift Cards.

You will learn about valuable technology tools that you can bring home to support and grow your ministries.

<http://nswsi.org/home/calendar-of-events>

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/0a/0a854394-3a19-4d9f-b1ae-f93021508921/documents/4 Action Plans to Reach Givers.pdf>

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/0a/0a854394-3a19-4d9f-b1ae-f93021508921/documents/DIY Stewardship 2017 final.pdf>

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Church Donor Engagement Solutions | Custom Church App | echurch

Engage church donors with the custom church app from echurch. Discover applicable and impactful mobile giving solutions, events, push notifications, and more.

<https://echurch.com/total-engagement/donor-engagement/>

[Images for Church Donor Engagement Solutions | Custom Church App | echurch](#)

Givelify - YouTube

Demonstration of the Givelify mobile giving app. Donate to the church, charity or cause of your choice in as few as three taps.

Visit our website for more information or to register your organization today (it's free to sign up!): <https://www.givelify.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/givelifymobile>

[Images for Givelify - YouTube](#)

Giving — Subsplash.com | Engage your audience like never before.

Witness tangible growth in your charitable donations with Subsplash Giving. With a simple giving experience for mobile, web, and text, your community will be encouraged towards greater generosity and you'll see increased donations for those in need.

www.subsplash.com/giving/

[Images for Giving — Subsplash](#)

SecureGive Mobile App Giving - YouTube

We developed the first church giving app so that users can take their giving on-the-go. The app version of our online giving system, this platform allows members to give any amount, any time, in any place. Mobile use increases every year, and it's very important to provide your donors with a tool that empowers them to give in the moment.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XKuHgaTa5XU>

[Images for SecureGive Mobile App Giving - YouTube](#)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbptDPmny5X_SAJQJR2AXQ SecureGive - YouTube

<https://www.securegive.com/uncategorized/securegive-mobile-app-demo-video-fro/>

7 Apps for Mobile Giving | Managing Your Church - Church Law and Tax

A sampling of online giving solutions available to your church.

<http://www.churchlawandtax.com/blog/2014/november/7-apps-for-mobile-giving.html>

[Images for 7 Apps for Mobile Giving | Managing Your Church - Church Law and Tax](#)

What should we understand about generosity in a new generation? | The Christian Century

Paper is not more sacred than plastic. I don't carry cash or checks. Often, I want to give money to a collection, but there's no way for me to donate. Let that sink in. There is no way for me to give to most offerings. When I'm worshiping in a congregation on a regular basis, during the offering, I pull out my phone, pull up my bank app, and make the transfer. Then I endure dirty looks as people around me assume that I'm playing Candy Crush during the solo.

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3) Bible

A Workbook on Biblical Stewardship [Mr. Richard E. Rusbuldt]

This workbook presents a vital and transforming understanding of kingdom stewardship that considers not just money but all aspects of God's created order: time, physical resources, spiritual gifts, relationships, the gospel message, and life itself. Provides practical, thought provoking material for individual and group study.

In today's ownership culture, with its resulting environmental destruction, a clear biblical understanding of stewardship is more necessary than ever. This nine-chapter journey through the biblical principles of stewardship helps Christians grasp God's message regarding his people's role as earthly caretakers.

Printed on large perforated pages for easy use, Richard E. Rusbuldt's workbook provides practical, thought-provoking material for individual and group study. Specifically written and arranged to be accessible to adults and young adults, *A Workbook on Biblical Stewardship* can be used equally well in a Sunday school, adult church school, or small-group setting. Each interactive chapter contains stimulating exercises and probing questions that facilitate discussion.

By contrasting the world's ownership model of stewardship with the biblical mode of "care-management," this engaging study offers exciting, practical motivation for living in accord with God's standards. The Bible describes the Christian as a partner in God's plan, brought into his household as an heir. This workbook presents a vital and transforming understanding of kingdom stewardship that considers not just money but all aspects of God's created order: time, physical resources, spiritual gifts, relationships, the gospel message, and life itself.

<http://www.amazon.com/Workbook-Biblical-Stewardship-Richard-Rusbuldt/dp/0802807232>

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<http://www.eerdmans.com/Products/0723/a-workbook-on-biblical-stewardship.aspx>

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[Images for Richard E. Rusbuldt, author](#)

[Images for A Workbook on Biblical Stewardship \[Mr. Richard E. Rusbuldt\]](#)

Let the Rivers Run: Stewardship and the Biblical Story (Library of Christian Stewardship) [Eugene F. Roop]

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Stewardship and the Bible

The appointment of a steward: Genesis 1 and 2

Disobedience and rivalry: Genesis 3 and 4

Status, exploitation, and protectionism: Genesis 6-11

Moses: steward of God's covenant

Sarah and Abraham: stewards of God's promise

Joseph: saga of stewards

Let the rivers run

<http://www.amazon.com/Let-Rivers-Run-Stewardship-Christian/dp/0802806090>

<https://stewardshipresources.org/product/let-the-rivers-run/>

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NIV Stewardship Study Bible: Discover God's Design for Life, the Environment, Finances, Generosity, and Eternity [Zondervan]

The NIV Stewardship Study Bible uses a variety of engaging features to lead individuals through a comprehensive study of what it means to be managers entrusted with the resources of God. Through 366 Exploring Stewardship notes, profiles of individuals, notes on challenges to stewardship, quotes on stewardship from respected Christians throughout the ages, and other articles and helps, the NIV Stewardship Study Bible projects a positive picture of the privilege that we have to manage what God has given us to his glory and to the building of his kingdom. More than just money, this Bible emphasizes stewardly responsibility in all areas of life, including relationships, creation care, money management, institutions, and caring for the poor, among other areas. It's been pulled together with the purpose of changing perceptions about what the word 'stewardship' means---not something intended to be draining and guilt-inducing, but rather motivating, empowering and uplifting. The NIV Stewardship Study Bible has been endorsed by Crown Ministries, Dave Ramsey, Good \$ense ministries, the Barnabas Foundation, Prison Fellowship, and various other programs and ministries that seek to encourage responsible stewardship among Christians. This Bible will be a natural 'next step' for individuals and groups who benefit from these ministries and take part in their programs.

<http://www.amazon.com/NIV-Stewardship-Study-Bible-Environment/dp/0310948479>

[Images for NIV Stewardship Study Bible: Discover God's Design for Life, the Environment, Finances, Generosity, and Eternity \[Zondervan\]](#)

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The Steward: A Biblical Symbol Come of Age [Douglas J. Hall]

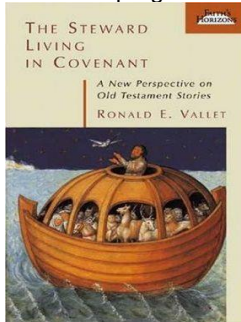
The biblical image of the steward is highly provocative and even revolutionary. In recent years, environmentalists and peace marchers have been discovering the radical potential of the stewardship motif, while the church, sadly, has muffled this symbol's power in ecclesiastical wrappings. So writes Douglas John Hall in the first edition of *The Steward* (1982). This provocative book has been so much in demand all over the world that Hall has completely rewritten, revised, and expanded his work, adding new

material and deleting dated references. Yet Hall has kept his original book's basic format the same in this new and improved edition.

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[Images for Douglas J. Hall, author](#)
[Images for The Steward: A Biblical Symbol Come of Age \[Douglas J. Hall\]](#)

The Steward Living in Covenant: A New Perspective on Old Testament Stories [Ronald E. Vallet]

The Steward Living in Covenant explores the theme of stewardship from a fruitful new perspective. Ronald Vallet explores Old Testament stories from creation to Isaiah and links the life of the steward to the theme of covenant—a first for books in this area. Written as an Old Testament parallel to Vallet's acclaimed *Stepping Stones of the Steward*, this new volume reclaims the Old Testament foundations of a fully biblical theology of stewardship. Vallet looks especially at the promise and command aspects of God's covenant with his people as a vital dimension of what it means to be a steward. A special feature of the volume is the inclusion of two choral readings and three dramas by dramatist Wanda Vassallo specifically designed to enliven worship and education programs.



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<https://www.cdfcapital.org/money-stewardship-scripture/>
<https://www.ligonier.org/blog/what-biblical-stewardship/>
<https://christianpf.com/stewardship/> Stewardship in the Bible - SeedTime
<https://www.allaboutgod.com/biblical-stewardship.htm>
<https://www.envoyfinancial.com/articles/2017/11/21/bible-verses-about-money-and-stewardship>
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<https://bible.org/seriespage/stewardship>
<http://www.gotquestions.org/biblical-stewardship.html>

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<http://generousineveryway.blogspot.com/2009/02/biblical-and-theological-perspectives.html>

What Is Biblical Stewardship? - YouTube

What Is Biblical Stewardship? the Biblical Doctrine of Stewardship Defines a Man's Relationship to God
To discover what the Bible says about stewardship, we start with the very first verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). As the Creator, God has absolute rights of ownership over all things, and to miss starting here is like misaligning the top button on our shirt or blouse—nothing else will ever line up. Nothing else in the Bible, including the doctrine of stewardship, will make any sense or have any true relevance if we miss the fact that God is the Creator and has full rights of ownership. It is through our ability to fully grasp this and imbed it in our hearts that the doctrine of stewardship is understood.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5Npr1X2lu0> What the Bible says about stewardship - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aePbFaU-7OI> PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLSIV-t773c> The Definition of Stewardship from a Biblical Perspective - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7QKYeMbb_8 Biblical Stewardship of the Earth - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4Kj84n_c2s Reclaiming Biblical Stewardship - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgpfxCRpAHM> Effective Stewardship Group Bible Study with Dave Stotts - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWRENza9Er8> A Biblical View of Stewardship - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuO08j2cBVQ> Randy Alcorn: Biblical Stewardship Series, Part 1 – Biola University Chapel

4) Budget

"ABC's of Church Budgeting" by David R. Pollack

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES?

Many church leaders assume that the board, staff, and membership agree on the church's mission, annual goals, and objectives. However, when funds are tight, differences in understanding can easily arise.

Such potentially negative side effects can be avoided if the pastor(s), board, and staff clearly define and communicate the church's mission, goals, and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year-and do this before initial budget requests are even developed. This will help everyone assess whether their plans for the coming year fit within the church's larger objectives.

Follow these steps:

<http://cbti.faithsite.com/content.asp?CID=11547>

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<https://www.amazon.com/David-R.-Pollack/e/B001KHOPX0>

https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/158647.David_Pollack

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[Images for ABCs of Church Budgeting by David R. Pollack](#)

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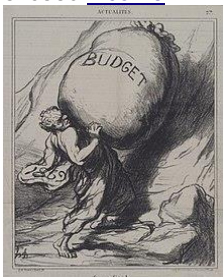
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[Images for budget quotes on pinterest](#)

Budget - Wikipedia

A budget is a [financial plan](#) for a defined [period](#), often one year. It may also include planned [sales](#) volumes and [revenues](#), resource quantities, [costs](#) and [expenses](#), [assets](#), [liabilities](#) and [cash flows](#). Companies, governments, families and other organizations use it to express [strategic plans](#) of activities or events in measurable terms.^[1]

A budget is the sum of [money](#) allocated for a particular purpose and the summary of intended expenditures along with proposals for how to meet them. It may include a [budget surplus](#), providing money for use at a [future](#) time, or a deficit in which expenses exceed [income](#).



Comme Sisyphe - Honoré Daumier (Brooklyn Museum)
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Budget>
[Images for budget](#)

Create a sound parish budget - Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices for leading congregations

Creating a sound budget is the result of two ongoing disciplines: clear visioning, discernment and articulation of your congregation's mission and ministry; and routine, year-round internal monitoring of financial results and regular reporting within the vestry and to your congregation on its financial status. These two disciplines establish a foundation for creating an annual budget.
<http://www.ecfvp.org/vestrypapers/financial-planning/create-a-sound-parish-budget/>
[Images for Create a sound parish budget - Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices for leading congregations](#)

How to Create a Church Budget - YouTube

Church Budgets don't have to be a pain.
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[Images for How to Create a Church Budget - YouTube](#)
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bt5a6deDu8E> Making a Budget: How to Make Church Budget Cuts – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlwF7gXqAvg> Making a Budget: How to Make a Budget Report - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CinA7Zh-hTI> Making a Budget: How to Prepare a Capital Budget - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQYEDejl66Y> Making a Budget: Developing a Project Budget - YouTube

How to Have a Healthy Church Budget | DaveRamsey.com

Many churches today take a “use it or lose it” stance on money in the name of trusting God to provide more when it's needed. But even though we trust that God will bless us, we need to have a plan!
<https://www.daveramsey.com/blog/how-to-have-a-healthy-church-budget>
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How to Increase Financial Stewardship – The Parish Paper

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<https://www.theparishpaper.com/back-issue-index> Back Issue Index | The Parish Paper

[DOC]Model Constitution for Congregations 2019 - ELCA Resource Repository

Chapter 12.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

- C12.05.** The Congregation Council shall be responsible for the financial and property matters of this congregation.
- d. The Congregation Council shall prepare an annual **budget** for adoption by this congregation, shall supervise the expenditure of funds in accordance therewith following its adoption, and may incur obligations of more than \$_____ in excess of the anticipated receipts only after approval by a Congregation Meeting. The budget shall include this congregation's full indicated share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in partnership with the synod and churchwide organization.

<https://www.elca.org/constitution> 2019 Model Constitution for Congregations
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Planning and the Budget - Alban

Congregations often plan and budget as though planning were one thing and budgeting another. Bringing the two together calls for a comprehensive calendar for goal-setting and evaluation.
[Alban at Duke Divinity School » Planning and the Budget](#)
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<https://alban.org/archive/what-to-keep-what-to-cut/>

The Church Budget as a Stewardship Tool - StanToler.com

Many pastors have won a Purple Heart at the Battle of Budget Hill. The process of compiling, promoting, passing, and tracking a local church budget is often as tiresome as it is troubling. But there's a positive side. The budget is not only the church or organization's guide for tracking income and outgo; it is also an opportunity to teach members about stewardship. How? Utilize their gifts/skills.

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What Does a Healthy Church Budget Look Like? - ThomRainer.com

Church budgets can often be the source of much contention and even more confusion. It doesn't have to be this way though.

Knowing the basics of the budget and communicating the budget well to church members can eliminate a great deal of contention and confusion. So, today on the podcast, we tackle the basics of church budgets.

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Where the Money Goes | Leadership Journal

How normal are your church's salaries, debt, and **budget**? A *Leadership* survey.

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/2000/summer/14.88.html>

[Images for church's salaries, debt, and budget images](#)

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5) Capital Campaign

Ask Alban: Capital Campaign - Alban Institute

A: Our congregation, which was established in 1832, recently completed its first capital giving campaign in 40 years. Our theme, "From Heritage to Horizon," was a phrase I had read in an article published in CONGREGATIONS. These are some of the things we learned that may be helpful to you:

<https://alban.org/archive/ask-alban-capital-campaign-six-keys-to-success/>

[Images for Capital Campaign - Alban Institute](#)

<https://alban.org/about-alban/alban-weekly/>

<https://alban.org/category/money-finance/>

Capital Campaign Network | Ecumenical Stewardship Center

Capital campaigns are more than occasions to raise funds for your congregation and its ministries. They are opportunities to invest in capacity and relationships. Those who contract with reputable consultative capital campaign services experience more satisfactory results than those who attempt this endeavor on their own.

<http://www.stewardshipresources.org/capital-campaign-network>

[Images for Capital Campaign Network | Ecumenical Stewardship Center](#)

Church Capital Campaign - YouTube

<http://www.impactstewardship.com>

Impact Stewardship delivers full-service church capital stewardship campaign planning, development & training, along with complete campaign media services for programs designed to fund construction, debt retirement, ministry expansion, and missions support.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJUHN1nHmrl>

[Images for Church Capital Campaign - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDIlouG2BhE> Mount Hope Church Capital Campaign Video - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvsyUQpa-lk> Northplace Church Capital Campaign Video and Animation - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9fAGmM5RJJs> Building Bridges Capital Campaign - Wildwood Church - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9hOwv13ZIA> Capital Campaign Video - YouTube

[PDF] How to Prepare for a Capital Campaign - Episcopal Church Foundation

This booklet will help you move from vision to fundraising, in ten important steps:

[http://www.ecfvp.org/files/uploads/How to Prepare for a Parish Capital Campaign.pdf](http://www.ecfvp.org/files/uploads/How_to_Prepare_for_a_Parish_Capital_Campaign.pdf)

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Stewardship Key Leader

[The following material is from a brochure for the members at one congregation I served where Michael Meier, a Stewardship Key Leader, led a **capital campaign** before I came.]

Q & A about our congregation's Strong in Faith, Together in Mission capital fund program

Q – Why are we conducting a "Strong in Faith, Together in Mission" capital fund program at this time?

A – We believe that God is calling us to extend and expand the ministry of Jesus in this community. This will require continued wise management of our financial resources by reducing our debt and increasing the funding of our ministries.

Q – What do we mean by Strong in Faith, Together in Mission?

A – Throughout its history our congregation has experienced God's gifts of grace. Through all the seasons, even during times of challenge, God has blessed us, sustained us, guided us, and encouraged us. God has made us strong in faith. God has knit us together and given us an extensive and important mission to this community. We believe that now is the time to build on God's blessings to us as individuals and as a congregation and to let God renew us in mission. This capital campaign – Strong in Faith, Together in Mission – will be an instrument for growth in faithfulness, it will be a means that will help us expand and extend the ministry of Jesus in this community.

Q – What exactly are we doing, and what difference does it make?

A – We are praying and working so that the familiar ministries, and the new ministries of our congregation may be strengthened. Familiar ministries include, of course, our worship services, our education programs for all ages, the pastoral care provided by the pastor and many others, the gift our quilters supply with their mission quilts, our support of the local food pantry, as well as our witness in the community. Our new ministries include a community garden on church property; a Relay for Life team from the congregation; taking over the hosting of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner from the Methodist Church, which closed this year; and the youth mission trips. All of this demonstrates how we are Strong in Faith, Together in Mission.

Q – So, how does the Strong in Faith, Together in Mission capital fund effort help the ministries we have just described?

A – We know that paying off the mortgage that is owed by the church will free up financial resources for the ministries described above. For that reason, we have a financial goal of \$165,000 for the three-year Strong in Faith, Together in Mission effort. \$150,000 of the goal will pay off our mortgage. \$15,000, a 10% tithe, will be given away to mission beyond our walls – the recipients will be determined by the congregation each year at the annual meeting.

Coupled with the financial goal, the spiritual goals for this program are to increase the awareness of God's grace to this congregation and to our community and to invite growth in faithful discipleship. During the next several weeks you will hear more details.

Q – Is the financial goal realistic?

A – Given the size of our congregation, our resources, the pattern of generous giving established in this congregation, the careful planning that is going into this effort, and our desire to move forward, we believe the goal is realistic.

In the days ahead, you will hear from a variety of person in the congregation who will be encouraging you to prayerfully consider how generous God is calling you to be in this effort.

We know it will take a great deal of faith, love, and sacrifice from every person and household that becomes involved. We also understand that this effort, the gifts and pledges we will bring, is over and above our regular giving to the ongoing mission and ministry of this congregation. Giving to the Strong in Faith, Together in Mission capital fund program is extra-mile giving.

Q – Will my gift be significant enough to help?

A – No gift is too small. It could also be said that no gift is too large for Strong in Faith, Together in Mission. The times we live in present opportunities to take stock of our blessings, trust in God, and decide what our priorities are. This is an opportunity to grow spiritually in our relationship to Jesus and to be wise stewards of the resources God has given us. Not all members will be able to pledge or give at the same level. Many small gifts are as important as a few large ones. The Bible teaches that we are to give proportionally as we are able.

Q – Specifically, what will it take to achieve and surpass the goal of \$165,000 in gifts and pledges over a three-year period?

A – Probably a pattern something like this:

1 gift of \$15,000 (\$5,000 per year)

2 gifts of \$9,000 (\$3,000 per year)

5 gifts of \$6,000 (\$2,000 per year)

10 gifts of \$4,500 (\$1,500 per year)

15 gifts of \$20 per week (\$3,120 over three-year period)

20 gifts of \$10 per week (\$1,560 over three-year period)

Many gifts of less than \$10 per week over three-year period

Q – Will I/we be encouraged to make a commitment?

A – Yes, everyone will be asked to make a commitment for the three-year giving phase of the program. A stated plan for given has proven to be an excellent discipline for individuals and congregations. Individuals are helped to live up to their best intentions, and congregations can plan their life and mission realistically and responsibly. Those not accustomed to this practice are urged to try it.

Q – When will I/we be invited to make our commitment?

A – At worship on November 10, Commitment Sunday, for Strong in Faith, Together in Mission at this congregation.

Q – How much should I/we give?

A – Joy is not complete when we only receive. We give because God first gave to us – God's love and sacrificial giving are contagious. Generosity enlivens us, because givers need to give. That's why we urge one another to respond in support of Strong in Faith, Together in Mission.

Ultimately, your giving is between you and your Lord.

Ask God for direction. Pray and meditate over a period of time and be open to the Spirit.

Pray for the courage to grow greatly, to know the joy of generosity, to claim the promises of God, and to be renewed for God's mission to the world.

Reflect on your blessings from a generous God and give from joy and gratitude.

Read the information provided to you in the worship bulletin, newsletters, announcements, and this brochure.

Hear our story and share the excitement with the other members and friends of this congregation.

Give until it feels great and takes your breath away! It will be the investment of your life!

Q – How much time can I/we take to fulfill our pledge to Strong in Faith, Together in Mission?

A – The commitment is for three years and is over and above your regular giving to the congregation. The response card that you will receive on Commitment Sunday will give you options on how to configure your gift, since not all people will want to give in the same way. Some will give one large, up-front gift, while others will give a designated amount each week or month for the three-year period.

Q – May I/we give stocks, real estate, insurance, or other gifts in kind in addition to cash?

A – Absolutely! You are encouraged to think of assets in addition to cash. For many people, this is the best way to give. Giving stocks, property, or other appreciated assets as a charitable donation is beneficial to you and the church. Check with your tax advisor concerning the rules in the tax code for this year that affect charitable giving from a retirement account. This may be another option for you.

Q – What is my/our financial situation changes, or I/we move out of the area before the end of the three-year period?

A – At any time during the giving phase, your commitment may be increased, decreased, extended, or canceled by notifying our church office. If you should move out of the area, we hope you would become involved in another congregation and offer them your support. We will be honored and grateful if you are willing to fulfill your total Strong in Faith, Together in Mission commitment. But you are certainly under no obligation to do so.

No matter what your circumstances may be, we ask you to support the ministry of this congregation in your prayers and to remember that here you are always welcomed and loved – for we are Strong in Faith, Together in Mission.

There is good history to build on here at this congregation. In recent years, we have been experiencing a deepening of our faith and trust in God. We pray that this will be true for all of us as we launch this effort.

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6) Charity

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Charity Navigator - Your Guide To Intelligent Giving | Home

Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator, provides free ratings of the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of thousands of charities.

<http://www.charitynavigator.org/>

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Who Really Cares: The Surprising Truth About Compassionate Conservatism by Arthur C. Brooks (Author), James Q. Wilson (Foreword)

We all know we should give to **charity**, but who really does? In his controversial study of America's giving habits, Arthur C. Brooks shatters stereotypes about charity in America-including the myth that the political Left is more compassionate than the Right. Brooks, a preeminent public policy expert, spent years researching giving trends in America, and even he was surprised by what he found. In *Who Really Cares*, he identifies the forces behind American charity: strong families, church attendance, earning one's own income (as opposed to receiving welfare), and the belief that individuals-not government-offer the best solution to social ills. But beyond just showing us who the givers and non-givers in America really are today, Brooks shows that giving is crucial to our economic prosperity, as well as to our happiness, health, and our ability to govern ourselves as a free people.

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Why the Rich Don't Give to Charity - The Atlantic

The wealthiest Americans donate 1.3 percent of their income; the poorest, 3.2 percent. What's up with that?

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7) Children

A Child of God: Stories of Jesus and Stewardship Activities for Children [Michael J. Caduto]

A Child of God: Stories of Jesus and Stewardship Activities for Children bridges faith in the wisdom of Jesus Christ with a deep caring for the natural world and all our brothers and sisters. Original versions of stories from the New Testament take children on a journey through the miracles and adventures of Jesus' life as a guide for living in a connected way with all of Creation.

The stories begin with Jesus' birth and go on to show how he lived a life close to nature. Children see how Jesus finds God in the wilderness. Caduto provides reflections and activities that serve as stepping stones for growing children's faith, for exploring and strengthening their relationship to nature and humankind, and for giving thanks.

A Child of God can be used directly by children in the middle-to-upper elementary years, ages 8 to 12, and it can be adapted for younger and older children. It can be shared by teachers, families and congregations, among friends and across generations.

A Child of God leads young hearts and minds to understand the vitality of prayer, the sanctity of Creation and the importance of stewardship and celebration. It will help young readers to see the stories of their own lives as exciting journeys, and how Jesus can guide them toward a prayerful, caring celebration of nature and community.

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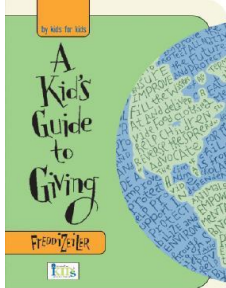
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A Kid's Guide to Giving [Freddi Zeiler, Ward Schumaker]

Give your young one a book to help him get involved with extra-curricular activities that will truly help develop character. Written by a kid for kids, *A Kid's Guide to Giving* offers a comprehensible guide to giving money, volunteering, donating goods, and organizing charity events. A list of over 100 charities that benefit peoples, animals, and the environment make it easy for kids to get involved with the organizations that mean the most to them. Including everything kids need to know about making a difference in the world around them, *A Kid's Guide to Giving* is a priceless addition to any **child's** library. Winner of an iParenting media award for "Greatest Products of 2006"!



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52 Ways to Teach Stewardship by Nancy Williamson (Author)

The 52 fun lessons in this book will teach kids the importance of giving their time, talents and treasures to God in grateful response for what he has done. For ages 4-12.

Christian stewardship – what is it? Christian stewardship is an attitude as well as an action. It begins in the heart with a desire to please God. The reason for this book is to give 52 ways to teach 4-12 year olds to see the importance of giving their time, talents, and treasures to God. **Children** have God-given talents that need to be developed for use in the body of Christ. This book will stimulate life-long commitment to stewardship in your children and help them see that giving can have world impact.

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Giving [Shirley Hughes]

A present or a ride, a cross or a kiss... all sorts of things can be given, in so many different ways! A companion to "Chatting", "Bouncing" and "Hiding".

With warmth and sturdy common sense, these attractive picture books introduce the verbs "to give" and "to bounce." Using everyday household scenes, which feature an energetic girl and her sweet-natured baby brother, Hughes places the words in a variety of contexts: "I gave Mom a present," "I tried to give the cat a ride . . . but she gave me a nasty scratch!" Undershot with wry humor ("The baby gave me two of his soggy bread crusts. That isn't much of a present!"), these texts are spirited in their teaching. Soft pencil and paint illustrations succinctly capture familiar situations (nursery school, bus ride, visit to the grandparents), and Hughes is especially adept at portraying the undercurrents of emotion in the simplest of actions, imbuing both books with a wonderful sense of family feeling. **Ages 2-up.** (May)

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Growing a Grateful, Generous Heart: Stewardship Resources for Episcopal Children and Their Families (Stewardship Program) [Living the Good News]

In cooperation with the Office of Stewardship at the Episcopal Church Center, Living the Good News has developed this heart-transforming program to help the entire family grow in their understanding and practice of stewardship. The Parent/Family Resource offers scripture backgrounds, reflections, family activities and practical suggestions for single-parents and families to enfold stewardship into their daily life and culture.

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If You Made a Million [David M. Schwartz, Steven Kellogg]

Have you ever wanted to make a million dollars? Marvelosissimo the Mathematical Magician is ready, willing, and able to explain the nuts and bolts - as well as the mystery and wonder -- of earning money, investing it, accruing dividends and interest, and watching savings grow. Hey, you never know!

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Kidz 4 Money, Inc.

Kidz 4 Money is a unique and empowering organization that is devoted to the economical strengthening of communities across the nation. We do so by delivering a message of promised greatness, wealth, and success. We give our youth something powerful to hold onto, their self.

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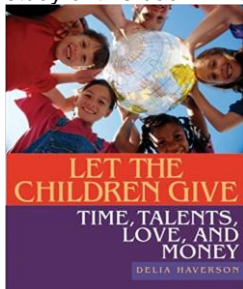
Kids Have a Lot to Give: How Congregations Can Nurture Habits of Giving and Serving for the Common Good [Eugene C. Roehlkepartain]

This book urges congregations to nurture positive, lifelong habits of financial giving and serving others in their youth community and includes an extensive resource list on giving and serving.

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Let the Children Give: Time, Talents, Love, and Money [Delia Halverson]

Let the Children Give provides adults the resources to demonstrate and teach a stewardship lifestyle to kids. Stewardship is more than a church committee assigned to raise money for the budget. Christians are expected to act as responsible caretakers of everything we've been given by God. All have abilities to accomplish this work, and the apostle Paul reminds us that everyone, including children, must work together. Each of us holds an important role in Christ's mission. "With our abilities and talents, we can manage the earth," writes Halverson. "We can also manage our health, property, time and relationships. ...We do not grow spiritually without giving, not just monetary giving but giving of all of our gifts. We were made in the image of God and entrusted with the care of the earth and all that's in it, from the ozone to the starving child." Packed with creative, educational activities designed for multiple settings and for children of all ages, Halverson teaches the concept of being good stewards through: Arts and crafts, Drama and storytelling, Writing and research, Games and puzzles, Music, reading activities and more. As one reviewer says, "Using the full spectrum of learning styles, Halverson connects the theological and the practical as her lesson plans guide even the youngest children to understand the positive impact of Christian stewardship." As a special bonus feature, Halverson created a mini-retreat design for parents and children together to learn about stewardship. She discusses congregational stewardship plans from a biblical and historical understanding and ways to include children in those plans. Children, their families and your whole congregation will be better equipped to accept the call and challenge to a more holistic stewardship through a study of this book. This is a great book for Christian education committees and stewardship committees!



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Make the World a Better Place!: My Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure Activity Book [Elizabeth Flikkema, Christian Olsen]

Children ages 7 to 12 will join Ant Philomena in learning about giving time, talent, and treasure - about becoming a philanthropist. Children are guided through activities that teach about philanthropy, community, saving money, making choices, and planning action for the common good. A great book that creatively empowers children to understand that they can make a difference by helping others.

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Teaching Kids to Care and Share: 300+ Mission & Service Ideas for Children [Jolene L. Roehlkepartain]

This volume provides over 300 inventive, hands-on activities that involve children in service to one another, their churches and local communities, and the world. Within these pages, children's workers and leaders will find short and long-term active service/learning opportunities that encourage the youngest members of their congregation to follow Jesus' example of living their faith by caring for others.

The book features: lively, age-appropriate projects and activities for 3- to 5-year-olds, 6- to 9-year-olds, and 10- to 12-year-olds; guidance for working with children of different ages and abilities; ready-to-use reproducible pages and a Scripture and topic index; and contact information for numerous national and international service organizations and programs that work with and relate to children.

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Teaching Stewardship to Children - Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary

Stewardship isn't just for adults. Yet, in many of our congregations, we put off teaching about stewardship until young adulthood. I don't think that practice is borne of bad intentions. It's just that, for many of us, teaching stewardship to children requires a bit of extra thought and careful practice.

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The Giving Book: Open the Door to a Lifetime of Giving: Ellen Sabin

The Giving Book: Open the Door to a Lifetime of Giving is truly a gift for young readers ages 6 to 11 - inspiring, teaching and engaging them to give back to the world. It is a unique, interactive process that allows parents, teachers or friends to help **children** understand giving and participate in a stimulating experience. The 64 page, spiral-bound, hardcover book combines colorful illustrations and entertaining narrative with fun learning activities. The book helps them record their ideas, dreams and wishes for the world - making them the authors of their stories and creating a "scrapbook" of their journey into compassion, philanthropy and the power of their actions.

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The Giving Box: Create a Tradition of Giving with Your Children by Fred Rogers (Author)

The notion that charity begins at home has never been easier to teach children than with this enchanting gift set based on the Jewish tradition of tzadakah, in which children save coins in banks for the less fortunate. Added inspiration for contributing to worthy causes comes from Emmy Award-winning television personality Mister Rogers, whose peaceful “neighborhood” has been a comforting presence in millions of homes for more than 25 years. In the book that accompanies *The Giving Box*, Mister Rogers teaches lessons of generosity and charity through heartwarming fictional stories set in countries around the world. For children, he describes how good it feels to give to those less fortunate, and reveals how even one child's contribution can make a difference. For parents, he offers wise suggestions and practical guidelines on teaching children the moral lesson of compassion for others and the value of charity.



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The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau (Author), Gail de Marcken (Illustrator)

The Quiltmaker's Gift celebrates the quilting tradition, the value of generosity, and the spirit of community in a beautiful and touching fable for our times. This richly illustrated picture book celebrates the joy of giving and gently emphasizes the age-old truth that material wealth does not necessarily buy happiness. *The Quiltmaker's Gift* is a heartwarming **children's** fable, a celebration of quilters and quilting, and a challenging adult parable all wrapped into one.

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8) Church Finances

Church Administration and Finance Manual: Resources for Leading the Local Church [Otto F. Crumroy Jr., Stan Kukawka, Frank M. Witman]

Pastors generally feel equipped to deal with biblical studies, theological questions, preaching responsibilities, and pastoral care. But when it comes to **budgets, insurance, fire safety, and church management** many find themselves at a loss. Often lay leaders

within the congregation flounder with these tasks as well. Here, finally, is the ultimate reference guide for the practical management of the parish.

Originally created as a sourcebook for the authors' week-long course on church management and administration at the Claremont School of Theology, the manual in draft version has been field-tested by hundreds of pastors and lay leaders. Not simply a theoretical resource, the Manual provides suggestions for almost every aspect of parish administration: position descriptions, various financial forms, materials for stewardship and Christian education, building use and safety issues, employee record keeping, and much more. Whether pastors are just out of seminary or well-seasoned in parish life, the Manual is full of excellent guidelines, tools, and forms for improving the management of the parish.

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Effective Church Finances: Fund-Raising and Budgeting for Church Leaders by Kennon L. Callahan (Author)

The companion volume to "Giving and Stewardship" - a complete guide to budgeting and fundraising that explores: developing the church budget, fundraising for the budget, setting goals, and growing the giving from year to year.

This step-by-step guide to healthy habits of church finances will help church leaders focus their best creativity, leadership, and energy on advancing their mission. Written for committee members, key leaders, pastors, and staffs, this is a detailed account of budgeting and fund-raising, complete with charts and questionnaires.

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Essential Guide to Church Finances [Richard J. Vargo]

To accomplish your church's mission and vision for ministry you need to effectively manage your church's finances. As we all know, the management of church money is a complex task for any church finance manager, treasurer, business administrator, bookkeeper or pastor. This book will help you strategize, organize, measure, communicate, protect and audit the financials of your ministry. This guide focuses on five key issues: Planning and Budgeting-How to use strategic planning and an operating budget to reach ministry goals. Minimizing the Risk of Embezzlement-50 internal control practices for every church and how to implement them to protect valuable ministry resources. Church Financial Reports-How to effectively communicate mission-critical financial information to church leaders. Performance Measurements-How good are you at what you do? Explore various measurements and ratios to help you assess the health of your church and identify the areas that need strengthening. Church Audits-How to avoid, as well as prepare for, external audits conducted by agencies, such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or the Department of Labor, and ways to get the most out of internal church audits. Each section is supplemented with additional material to help expand your understanding of each topic and provide practical application to the principles that are presented. Whether or not you have professional training in finances, The Essential Guide to Church Finances is the resource you need to help accomplish your church's mission and vision.

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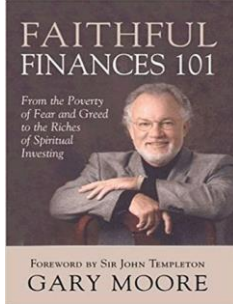
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Faithful Finances 101: From the Poverty of Fear and Greed to the Riches of Spiritual Investing [Gary Moore]

Now in paperback, this challenging and provocative book strips the veneer from the financial advice of some popular evangelical media celebrities and advocates a reintegrating of faith and finances.

Faithful Finances 101 is a first-person narrative by outspoken advocate of faith-based investing. A senior vice president of investments at Paine Webber before founding his own investment firm as “counsel to ethical and spiritual investors,” Gary Moore warns that much of the economic advice emanating from some popular and influential evangelical authors and speakers is based on scare tactics and distortions of what the Bible has to say about finances. He draws on fifty years of studying the Bible, politics, and economics, and presents insights for those who want to be faithful in their finances—to use 100 percent of the time, talent, and treasure with which they have been entrusted for the glory of God as well as for the benefit of others and themselves, and not just give 10 percent of their incomes to the church.



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Money always has been a subject of deep concern for religious leaders. In recent decades, however, this perennial concern has taken on a new urgency as a crisis situation is perceived. *Financing American Religion* brings together short, readable essays representing the best, most up-to-date research and thinking on the intersections of money and religion. Sociologists, historians, economists, and theologians ask who gives, how much, and why. They investigate how money moves and how it affects religious organizational behavior. And throughout they explore how attitudes toward money have altered over time. Religious leaders and scholars of American religion will welcome this much-needed volume.

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4 resolutions for financial well-being in your congregation | The Lutheran

The start of a new year is a wonderful opportunity to pause, think about the year ahead and resolve to make some changes. If you're focusing on your faith community, here are some questions to consider:

What could you do differently or more intentionally this year to bring more lives to Christ?

What are some appropriate resolutions to make if your congregation is seeking greater financial well-being?

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The Dynamics of Church Finance (Ministry Dynamics for a New Century) [James D. Berkley]

The pastor's and treasurer's essential handbook to all aspects of church finance. Building on a stewardship model, this guide outlines sound, up-to-date financial practices.

Practical and thorough advice on issues of church finance and stewardship, including some that are addressed nowhere else.

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9) Consecrate

[PDF] Consecrated Stewards - King of Glory Lutheran Church

Consecrated Stewards - A Journey in Biblical Stewardship. Investments by definition look forward towards the future. The assumption is that what is done today will have a lasting and beneficial impact on days yet to come. It is with that view in mind that we take our first steps on a journey in biblical stewardship through our church-wide campaign, Consecrated Stewards. These next four weeks will be an investment in our future both as a congregation and as individuals. Biblical stewardship is by its very nature a spiritual matter. How we live. How we give. How we use the talents and resources God has entrusted to us speaks to our walk of discipleship. We pray that over these next weeks you will be both inspired and challenged to step up and step out in faith, knowing that what you do today is an investment in tomorrow. Sermon Series: Week 1 - "Created to Give", Week 2 - "Gifted to Give", Week 3 - "A Giving Attitude", Week 4 - Consecration Sunday

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Consecration is the solemn dedication to a special purpose or service, usually religious. The word consecration literally means "association with the sacred". Persons, places, or things can be consecrated, and the term is used in various ways by different groups.

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New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program with Guest Leader Guide & CD-ROM: Revised Edition by Herb Miller (Author)

Church consultant Miller stresses the *spiritual* aspects of stewardship (how can we better dedicate our lives to God) rather than the financial (how can we keep the church's programs going): "What is God calling me to do?" rather than "What does the church need in order to pay all its bills?" Plenty of creative ideas.

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10) Crowdfunding

Crowdfunding - Wikipedia

Crowdfunding is the practice of funding a project or venture by raising many small amounts of money from a large number of people, typically via the Internet. Crowdfunding is a form of crowdsourcing and of alternative finance. In 2015, it was estimated that worldwide over US\$34 billion was raised this way.

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Crowdfunding Your Congregation - A guide booklet by Adam J. Copeland

Crowdfunding—in its mainstream Internet form, at least—has existed since 2008. But the church has always funded its ministry through small gifts from a large number of people. While the initial shine of the “crowdfunding revolution” has dulled, it has gained a respectable status among the many ways to fund new ventures, whether business-related or charitable. Crowdfunding is no savior for religious giving. I would hesitate even to label it a “game changer.” But it does present a clear opportunity for church-related giving to expand its focus, audience, vision, and reach.

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6 Crowdfunding Myths for Christians to Consider | CT Women

As manager of crowdfunding and social media at [Wheat Ridge Ministries](#), I've seen Christians join the crowdfunding movement, eagerly hoping to raise money for mission trips, school projects, youth programs, and more. When inspired leaders try the crowdfunding model, they often assume that fellow Christians, familiar with giving and generosity, will gladly join in to donate money to their worthy cause.

However, to be successful, Christian crowdfunders need to be just as savvy and strategic as the rest. As God inspires these leaders to take action in their community, it's vital they resist assuming their vision will get in front of the right audiences. I've seen plenty of crowdfunding successes, but also many misconceptions among the faith community about how the process works.

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Money Leadership Devotions - Stewardship

This item is part of: Money Leadership for Thriving Congregations.

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Stewardship Is a Gift | Devotionals | NewSpring Church

Everything we have been given is a gift. Everything. This includes the car you're driving, the house you live in, the job you have and the family you were born into. God was purposeful in placing you in this time and in these circumstances.

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12) Digital Age

Practice Responsible Stewardship in a Digital Age - Centric Consulting

Responsibility is a value we hold highly at Centric Consulting. It's listed among our core values as "practice responsible stewardship," but being responsible isn't just a practice. It's a way of being.

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The Christian Leader in the Digital Age - AlbertMohler.com

The Digital Age is upon us. In the span of less than three decades, we have redefined the way humans communicate, entertain, inform, research, create, and connect – and what we know now is only a hint of what is to come. But the greatest concern of the church is not a technological imperative, but a Gospel imperative.

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13) Discipleship

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As we acquire a deeper understanding of discipleship and stewardship through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the natural connection joining the two becomes evident.

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Stewardship and Discipleship: Two Sides of the Same Coin

It is urgent for the future of the Church that we recover a whole-life model of discipleship that understands every legitimate human activity as responding to a call from God. Every human being is called to be, in all of life, a steward of God's creation.

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Stewardship: Whole Life Discipleship - Heart to Heart

God's will is that we be fruitful trustees of God's gifts and graces. Stewardship ... provides a context for believers in Jesus Christ and members of his Church to establish a link between what they believe and how they live.

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[Images for Stewardship: Whole Life Discipleship](#)

14) Duty and Delight

Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty and Delight | Select Learning with Dr. Mark Allan Powell Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

Stewardship means "belonging to God" - all that we are and all that we have comes from God. We are grateful to God for it all, and responsible to God for how we use it. There is a connection between stewardship and spirituality: generous giving as a spiritual discipline helps us to grow in Christ.

"Duty and delight are both motivating factors for giving - doing what we ought to do as responsible church members, and making cheerful sacrifices out of love for God.

The overarching theme of this course is, "This is good news! The biblical message of financial stewardship is: promising and encouraging; not (usually) guilt-inducing; a way of life; for many of us, it just may be the way to a better life.

This course features seven 20-minute video sessions on DVD, and a comprehensive study guide and participant handouts.

Introductory Session: For Church Leaders

Session 1: Belonging to God

Session 2: What is a Steward?

Session 3: Treasures and Hearts

Session 4: Motives for Giving

Session 5: Duty and Delight

Session 6: Cheerful Sacrifices

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Duty and delight | The Lutheran

It's my duty to give money to support my congregation — and sometimes I do that just because it's the right thing to do. But other times, I'm eager to give my offering: how pleased God is to receive whatever we offer, and how fortunate we are to be people who know God and love God and who can give to God out of sheer delight.

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Duty - Wikipedia

Duty is a term that conveys a sense of moral commitment or obligation to someone or something. The moral commitment should result in action; it is not a matter of passive feeling or mere recognition.

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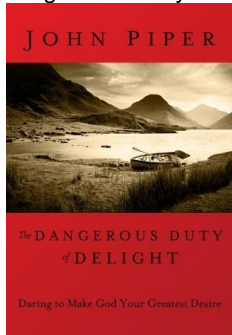
The Dangerous Duty of Delight: Daring to Make God Your Greatest Your Greatest Desire (LifeChange Books) by John Piper (Author)

Each of us is hard-wired to pursue our happiness. We long for significant, profound joy. Some try to satisfy it with exotic vacations, high-tech gadgets, career success, sports, academics, drug experimentation, even ascetic rigors. Yet the longing remains. *Why?*

In *The Dangerous Duty of Delight*, John Piper turns our heart toward the one true object of human desire and happiness: God.

Piper shows from Scripture that pursuing our happiness in Christ is not optional for the Christian, but essential.

Come along on a journey from desperate desire to infinite delight. Learn how you were created for ultimate satisfaction in Him, and how this new perspective will change your attitudes toward worship, relationships, material goods—and *everything*. This compact 96-page book, drawn from Piper's popular *Desiring God*, emphasizes the importance of strengthening our relationship with our Creator by enjoying Him and His creation. The author's now classic ideas are presented here in an accessible size that will allow readers to absorb and apply them quickly -- leading them to a dramatically different and joyful experience of their faith. Filled with biblical reasons for living a life of celebration, this life-changing read helps people discover not only why but how to delight more fully in the Lord.



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15) eBay

Do Well by Doing Good - Entrepreneur

Sure, you can make money on **eBay**--but did you know you can make a difference, too? eBay makes it easy and rewarding to give back to the community.

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Five Reasons Your Church Might Consider Using eBay to Increase Giving – ThomRainer.com

The concept is simple: Ask members to donate some of their physical goods to be sold on eBay.

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Selling to benefit nonprofit organizations - eBay

[eBay for Charity](#) is a program that helps sellers list items on eBay to benefit nonprofit organizations. Any eBay seller with an account in good standing can create an eBay for Charity listing. The program is administered by [PayPal Giving Fund](#), our nonprofit partner.

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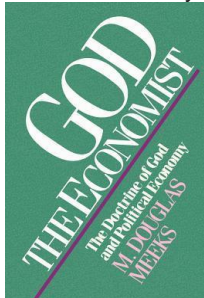
16) Economics

God the Economist: The Doctrine of God and Political Economy [M. Douglas Meeks]

"God does not appear in the modern market. For most economists, this is as it should be. It is in no way necessary, according to modern economic theory, to consider God when thinking about economy. Indeed, the absence of God in economic matters is viewed as necessary to the great advances in modern economy. The difficulty with modern market economies, however, is that human livelihood is also left out of the theory and practice of the market economy. ...

"I propose to bring the church's teaching about God, the doctrine of the Trinity, to bear on the masked connections between God and economy. I will treat the Trinity as the way of understanding what the Bible calls the 'economy of God.' ...

"A brief map of our journey is in order. Chapter 1 considers our present economic quandaries and reasons the church has kept God and economy separated. Chapter 2 inquires about ways in which theology and political economy might be correlated. In chapter 3 we trace some of the historical and theological implications of God's official absence from the market and the surreptitious presence of God concepts in the assumptions behind modern economic theory. The next chapter investigates some biblical warrants for using Economist as a metaphor for God. The final three chapters examine some of our society's basic assumptions about property, work, and needs. By making a trinitarian critique of God concepts entailed in these assumptions, we seek to open up new possibilities for the church to struggle with economic questions on the assumptive level and to live both before God and in the face of massive problems that emerge in a society extolling liberty and justice in which the denial of livelihood to many people raises radical questions about liberty and justice."



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Stewardship & the Economy of God [John H. Reumann]

A wide-ranging historical exploration of stewardship. Reumann explores the many meanings and connotations of stewardship by discussing the history and background of the Greek word *oikonomia*, which has significant historical links to Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox thought and ties into Christian views of world history, salvation history, and eschatology.

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The Coming Revolution in Church Economics: Why Tithes and Offerings Are No Longer Enough, and What You Can Do About It by Mark DeYmaz (Author), Harry Li (Contributor)

Tithes and offerings alone are no longer enough to provide for the needs of the local church, enable pastors to pursue opportunities, or sustain long-term ministry impact. Growing financial burdens on the middle class, marginal increases in contributions to religious organizations, shifting generational attitudes toward giving, and changing demographics are having a negative impact on church budgets. Given that someday local churches may be required to pay taxes on the property they own and/or lose the benefit of soliciting tax-deductible gifts, the time to pivot is now. What's needed is disruptive innovation in church economics.

For churches to not only survive but thrive in the future, leaders must learn to leverage assets, bless the community, empower entrepreneurs, and create multiple streams of income to effectively fund mission. You'll learn why you should and how to do so in *The Coming Revolution in Church Economics*.

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17) Education

Financial Education Workshop Materials - Thrivent Financial

Worksheets to help you achieve your goals – because more than money matters. Our workshops provide basic money management information and tools to help you achieve your goals. They are offered on a wide range of topics and include worksheets and exercises you can use on your own to take positive steps with your personal finances and even start money conversations with your kids.

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Stewardship at the Heart of the Church

Course Syllabus - Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary - Berkeley, CA – January 2008

Prepared by: Keith A. Mundy, Assistant Director for Stewardship ELCA, 8765 W Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631

Course Description – A biblical and theological understanding of our role as stewards is an essential aspect of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is also important that all rostered leaders recognize their role as a stewardship leader in the community in which they serve. This course will provide a foundation for both and an introduction to a variety of resources to assist in nurturing a healthy culture for stewardship ministry in the congregation and beyond.

Course Objectives – At the conclusion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Describe how you connect stewardship and your relationship with Jesus Christ
2. Communicate clearly how stewardship is central to life in the congregation
3. Discover your spiritual gifts and how they relate to your emerging ministry
4. Grow in your stewardship leadership in the church
5. Learn God's design for your personal stewardship in all aspects of life
6. Access many resources to help develop your effective stewardship ministry
7. Model your giving in joyful and generous ways

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18) Electronic

Church eGiving: Top 7 Reasons Your Church Must Offer (More) Electronic Giving Options

For many years, churches pondered (and even debated) the question should they collect offerings by having a box in the back or by passing the plate? Today there is a much more important issue that is transforming how people give and how churches collect offerings - - various forms of electronic giving (online, EFT, PDA/SmartPhone/Cell/iPhone applications, and more).

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eGiving: It's about More Than Money – The Parish Paper

Church leaders consistently offer three reasons for why they are slow to change: electronic transactions will rupture the traditional act of giving funds in worship service, it's too expensive, and it's too complicated.

These concerns are fair. But here's the catch—if your congregation hasn't enacted online giving, it is missing an opportunity to expand the way members think about giving.

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E-giving takes root where checks, cash reigned: Many still want to put something in collection plate | The Lutheran

Ryan M. Gray, a senior investigator in the derivatives marketplace, is hard-pressed to recall writing a check since he may write two or three in a month.

Gray is a big believer in electronic giving to his church, [St. Luke Lutheran](#) of Logan Square in Chicago, and encourages it in his role as vice president of the congregational council.

"With a stewardship campaign in the past few months, it's helpful to know that people's pledges will actually make their way into the treasury," he said.

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Electronic Giving by Adam Copeland by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Electronic giving is no fad; according to a new study, it is the preferred method of giving for a majority of church members.

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Electronic Giving for Faith-based Organizations | Vanco Payment Solutions

Vanco does what we do best—payments—to help you do what you do best. Vanco Payment Solutions provides the specialized payment solutions that let you better do the important work you're called to do.

<http://vancopayments.com/organizations-we-serve/faith-based/>

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Embracing Electronic Giving - Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Adam Copeland of Luther Seminary says electronic giving is the preferred method of giving for most churchgoers, including your most faithful givers. Reducing the barriers to giving via smart phone, recurring contribution on a debit or credit card, or even by text message, often requires a shift in culture. It is more than good fundraising. It is a matter of hospitality and convenience.

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New study shows active churchgoers want e-giving options – Margaret Marcuson

Those who are most active in church want e-giving options.

<http://margaretmarcuson.com/new-study-shows-active-churchgoers-want-e-giving-options/>

[Images for New study shows active churchgoers want e-giving options – Margaret Marcuson](#)

PayPal: Send Money, Pay Online or Set Up a Merchant Account

PayPal is the faster, safer way to send money, make an online payment, receive money or set up a merchant account.

<https://www.paypal.com/us/home>

[Images for PayPal: Send Money, Pay Online](#)

Strengthen Stewardship with Electronic Giving eBook

Get the help you need to start an electronic giving program at your church with this ebook written for your church committee. It explains how electronic giving works, its benefits to your ministry and your members, and how Vanco Payment Solutions can help you get your program started.

<http://connect.vancopayments.com/strengthen-stewardship-electronic-giving-ebook>

[Images for Strengthen Stewardship with Electronic Giving eBook](#)

https://issuu.com/vancopayments/docs/strengthen_stewardship_with_electro

[PDF] Why Churches Should Implement Electronic Giving - OSV Offertory.com

Changing population and giving habits

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What is wrong with checks?

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Why offer an online giving option?

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Electronic payment process

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Ten rules to remember

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http://www.osvoffertory.com/Portals/0/Images/Pages/Electronic%20Services/1105_0029.pdf

[Images for Why Churches Should Implement Electronic Giving - OSV Offertory.com](#)

19) Financial Barriers

Financial Barriers to Leadership | Growing Vital Leaders

For potential leaders (or just people looking for ways to serve or get connected) figuring out the congregation's way of doing things can create a bit of a learning curve, just as in any organization. But for those who don't have much (or any) disposable income, some norms can create a financial barrier against potential involvement.

<http://vitalleaders.blogs.uua.org/leadership-skills/financial-barriers-to-leadership/>

<http://www.uua.org/directory/people/renee-ruchotzke>

[Images for Financial Barriers to Congregational Leadership](#)

Six Keys to Breaking Financial Barriers at Your Church – Rainer on Leadership #134 – ThomRainer.com

Discussion about financial barriers and budgets in the local church.

<http://thomrainer.com/2015/06/six-keys-to-breaking-financial-barriers-at-your-church-rainer-on-leadership-134/>

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20) Financial Coaching

Financial coaching: Creating confident stewardship leaders

Since the Center for Stewardship Leaders started the financial coaching program eight years ago, approximately 120 coaches have helped more than 400 students become financially healthy and confident stewardship leaders.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/story/2012/10/21/financial-coaching-creating-confident-stewardship-leaders/>

[Images for Financial coaching: Creating confident stewardship leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

<https://www.luthersem.edu/news/2009/09/17/luther-seminary-alum-grateful-for-financial-coaching-scholarship-money/>

<https://inside.luthersem.edu/2020/02/24/a-quick-dose-of-financial-wellness/>

<https://www.luthersem.edu/story/2010/05/20/sandy-rothschiller-focuses-on-spiritual-and-financial-wellness/>

<https://www.ats.edu/uploads/resources/current-initiatives/economic-challenges-facing-future-ministers/student-debt-strategies/luther-financial-coaching-handbook-2016.pdf>

<https://coaching.stewardshipoflife.org/category/articles-of-interest/>

72 best Financial Coaching Quotes images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/kamesha01/financial-coaching-quotes/>

[Images for Financial Coaching Pinterest](#)

https://www.pinterest.com/Goaly_com/financial-coaching/

<https://www.pinterest.com/financialmentor/financial-coaching/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/maggiegermano/>

<https://it.pinterest.com/pin/197314027395546165/> Effective and Personalized Financial Coaching

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/411164640966268049/> Money Nuggets Interview with Financial Coach Simonne Gnessen

What is Financial Coaching? – Financial Coaching Strategies

Financial coaching means providing regular one-on-one sessions with clients in order to 'coach' performance improvements to meet goals mutually set by the coach and client

<https://fyi.uwex.edu/financialcoaching/what-is-coaching/>

[Images for What is Financial Coaching? – Financial Coaching Strategies](#)

<http://www.sharefaith.com/blog/2013/08/starting-financial-coaching-ministry-church/>

[Images for Starting a Financial Coaching Ministry in Your Church](#)

<http://www.cor.org/ministries/care-and-support/employment-ministries/financial-care-coaching/>

[Images for Church of the Resurrection: Financial Care Coaching](#)

<http://www.daveramsey.com/coaching/home/>

[Images for Financial Coaching - dave ramsey](#)

<http://dcclive.com/financial-coaching/>

[Images for financial coaching — Discovery Church](#)

<https://newspring.cc/finances/coaching>

[Images for Financial Coaching - NewSpring Church](#)

<http://sojournchurch.com/next-steps/receive-care/financial-coaching/>

[Images for Financial Coaching | Sojourn Community Church](#)

<http://www.4cornerschurch.com/#/give/financial-coaching>

[Images for Four Corners Community Church Financial Coaching](#)

<http://fellowshipproswell.org/article/need-financial-coaching/>

[Images for Financial Coaching - Fellowship Bible Church](#)

<http://saddleback.com/connect/ministry/financial-coaching-ministry/lake-forest>

[Images for Saddleback Church: Ministries: Financial Coaching Ministry](#)

21) First Fruits

Becoming a Firstfruits Congregation: A Stewardship Guide for Church Leaders by Robert C. Heerspink

How can churches avoid the pinch of under-motivated, under-budget giving by their members? How can leaders stop tossing around the hot potato of who should encourage members to give? Can a whole church catch the stewardship vision of joyful, generous giving? It can. But not without the enthusiastic, well-informed efforts of its leadership team. Written by a pastor, this self-directed study guide for pastors, elders and deacons provides church leaders with practical help. It builds on a solid, biblical understanding of stewardship to develop plans for transforming thoughtless givers into thankful believers who are rich in giving to God and others.

<http://www.amazon.com/Becoming-Firstfruits-Cong-Robert-Heerspink/dp/1562122088>

<http://barnabasfoundation.com/churches/resources/firstfruits-a-stewardship-guide-for-church-leaders-2/>

<https://www.gospelliving.org/stewardship.html>

<http://www.centerforfaithandgiving.org/Reviews/FirstFruitsHeerspink/tabid/1233/Default.aspx>

[Images for Robert C. Heerspink, author](#)

[Images for Becoming a Firstfruits Congregation: A Stewardship Guide for Church Leaders by Robert C. Heerspink](#)

First Fruits: Stewardship Thoughts and Stories from Around the World [Paul R. Lindholm, Alan Hamilton]

"Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce," says Proverbs 3:9, and this emphasis on joyously giving the Lord of our first fruits is the theme of this inspirational piece.

True Christian stewardship should be motivated by gratitude and love for God who has done so much for us. This thesis of love-bound rather than duty-bound giving has made Dr. Lindholm's contributions sought after from church leaders around the world. By stressing the joy that comes to those who are faithful and unwavering stewards, Dr. Lindholm has encouraged myriads of people to be generous in all that they undertake.

Inspirational reading for all, this book can be especially helpful for pastors in preparing sermons, for Sunday school teachers in their training programs and for all church members as they consider the stewardship responsibilities.

<http://www.amazon.com/First-Fruits-Stewardship-Thoughts-Stories/dp/0932727662>

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http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3138113.Paul_R_Lindholm

[Images for Paul R. Lindholm, author](#)

<http://worldcat.org/identities/lccn-n93030361/>

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[Images for Alan Hamilton, author first fruits](#)

[Images for First Fruits: Stewardship Thoughts and Stories from Around the World \[Paul R. Lindholm, Alan Hamilton\]](#)

First Fruits - Wikipedia

First Fruits are a religious offering of the first agricultural produce of the harvest.

In classical Greek, Roman, Hebrew and Christian religions, the first fruits were given to priests to offer to gods or God. First Fruits were often a primary source of income to maintain the religious leaders and the facility. Beginning in 1966 a unique "First Fruits" celebration brought the Ancient African harvest festivals that became the African American Holiday, Kwanzaa.



Fruit Basket (painting by Balthasar van der Ast).

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Fruits

[Images for first fruits](#)

Giving First Fruits - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

Proverbs 3:5-10

Pastor Rolf Svanoe delivers a sermon that reminds us giving the first fruits from God, for all that comes to us is what God has given to us. By giving the first fruits, we are reminded that we are stewards of what God has given to us

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-lesson-3-giving-first-fruits/>

[Images for Giving First Fruits - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary](#)

Three Key Principles of Godly Giving - Crosswalk.com

Principle #1: God Expects Us to Give from Our **First Fruits**

There is a concept about first fruits giving that is taught in Scripture starting in the Old Testament with references well into the New Testament. I'm no theologian but my understanding is that first fruit sacrifices had to do with God's expectation that His people

should always set aside the first part of their crops and produce as a thank offering for His goodness. Additionally, these first fruits were to be unblemished—the best available. Simply put, the idea was that the *first* and the *best* always belonged to God.

<http://www.crosswalk.com/family/finances/three-key-principles-of-godly-giving-1426486.html>

[Images for Three Key Principles of Godly Giving - Crosswalk.com Principle #1: God Expects Us to Give from Our First Fruits](#)

What Does the Bible Say About First Fruits? - OpenBible.info

http://www.openbible.info/topics/first_fruits

[Images for bible and first fruits](#)

<http://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Firstfruits>

<http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Bible-Verses-About-First-Fruits/>

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/firstfruits/>

<http://www.dneoca.org/articles/tithesandfirstfruits0397.html>

[Images for tithes and firstfruits in the bible](#)

<http://www.holylandmoments.org/the-giving-of-the-firstfruits>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/firstfruits-offering.html>

<https://www.ucg.org/the-good-news/the-biblical-feast-of-firstfruits-how-it-explains-a-great-mystery>

<http://rccg.org/the-first-fruit-offering/>

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/firstfruits-and-pentecost/>

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/first-fruits.html>

22) Funding

Funding Church Planters Through the Lens of Diversity - V3 Church Planting Movement

In this post, I wish to explore with you one particular aspect of church planting: funding churches that have substantial budget needs. Although I have more questions than answers at this point, as fellow church planters, I see the value in exploring this together. Here are a few things to consider:

<http://thev3movement.org/2015/08/funding-church-planters-through-the-lens-of-diversity/>

[Images for Funding Church Planters Through the Lens of Diversity - V3 Church Planting Movement](#)

Funding - Wikipedia

Funding is the act of providing [resources](#) to finance a need, program, or project. While this is usually in the form of [money](#), it can also take the form of effort or time from an organization or company. Generally, this word is used when a firm uses its internal reserves to satisfy its necessity for cash, while the term **financing** is used when the firm acquires capital from external sources.^{[\[citation needed\]](#)}

Sources of funding include [credit](#), [venture capital](#), [donations](#), [grants](#), [savings](#), [subsidies](#), and [taxes](#). Fundings such as donations, subsidies, and grants that have no direct requirement for [return of investment](#) are described as "**soft funding**" or "**crowdfunding**".

Funding that facilitates the exchange of equity ownership in a company for capital investment via an online funding portal as per the [Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act](#) (alternately, the "JOBS Act of 2012") (U.S.) is known as [equity crowdfunding](#).

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Funding>

[Images for Funding](#)

Highlights from Funding the Missional Church | Carl Gregg - Patheos

I recently had the opportunity to attending a conference on [Funding the Missional Church](#). The following are the highlights from my notes on this event:

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/carlgregg/2012/06/highlights-from-funding-the-missional-church/>

[Images for Highlights from Funding the Missional Church | Carl Gregg - Patheos](#)

How should Christians approach funding the church? - Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/how-should-christians-approach-funding-the-church/>

[Images for How should Christians approach funding the church? - Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-vs-funding-the-church-part-i/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/flipping-the-funding-model/>

23) Generations

Generations & Stewardship - Building Faith | Building Faith

When it comes to stewardship (whether it be of time, talent, or treasure) every generation approaches giving in different ways. Each generation has its own characteristics and tendencies that will affect their motivation giving, which can vary according to income, race, education, region of the country, and attendance.

<http://www.buildfaith.org/2011/05/15/generations-stewardship/>

[Images for Generations & Stewardship - Building Faith | Building Faith](#)

Generations of Generosity: Stewardship 2016 - YouTube

Commitment Sunday is November 13, 2016

Westminster is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) located in Greenville, SC. We are a community of faith dedicated to enhancing the spiritual lives of our members and addressing the needs of the surrounding communities and the world. As a

Presbyterian Church in Greenville, we strive to be a caring, inclusive family of faith, demonstrating the grace and love of Jesus Christ in local and worldwide mission projects. Join us for worship in person or online.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2quW2MYfauM>

[Images for Generations of Generosity Stewardship - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2q663jnrO0zyzMja35ICUA> Stewardship - YouTube

Generations of Stewardship - Episcopal Network for Stewardship

According to Strauss and Howe, these generations are now active in our country:

- The GI Generation – born before 1925
- The Silent Generation – born 1925-1942
- The Boomer Generation – born 1943 – 1960
- Generation X – born 1961 – 1982
- The Millennials – born 1983 – 2005

An upcoming series of blog posts over the next few months will explore these generations in detail, including their life events, their unique outlooks on the world, and the church leadership and stewardship techniques that are most effective for them. In the meantime, for more information, [click here](#) for a PowerPoint presentation on the generations.

<http://www.tens.org/resources/free-resources/free-resources-blog/generations-of-stewardship1>

[Images for Generations of Stewardship - Episcopal Network for Stewardship](#)

<http://www.tens.org/resources/blog/stewardship-with-the-gi-generation/>

<http://www.tens.org/resources/blog/generations-of-faith/>

<http://www.tens.org/resources/blog/the-silent-generation-not-so-silent-after-all/>

<http://www.tens.org/resources/blog/stewardship-with-the-baby-boomers/>

<http://www.tens.org/resources/blog/generation-x-coming-into-leadership/>

<http://www.tens.org/blog/stewardship-with-the-millennial-generation>

Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2013-2016 – Stewardship: Nurturing Generous Living by General Board Of Discipleship

Stewardship in Different Generations Micah 6:8

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<http://www.cosumc.org/clientimages/52258/stewardship.pdf>

[Images for Nurturing Generous Living by General Board Of Discipleship Stewardship in Different Generations](#)

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<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1426736800>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1426736371>

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Local church members join with the promise to uphold the church with prayers, presence, gifts, and service. The ministry of stewardship is concerned with the appropriate employment of the fruits of that pledge throughout the ministries of the church. This guideline is designed to help implement and guide the work of the ministry area. This is one of the twenty-six Guidelines that cover church leadership areas including Church Council and Small Membership Church, the administrative areas of Finance and Trustees, and ministry areas focused on nurture, outreach, and witness including Worship, Evangelism, "and Christian Education, age-level ministries, Communications, and more. To see a full list of Guidelines, search by typing keywords: Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2013-2016, and click search ."

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17063480-guidelines-for-leading-your-congregation-2013-2016---stewardship>

<https://www.cokesbury.com/product/9781426736391/guidelines-for-leading-your-congregation-20132016-stewardship/>

[PDF]Stewardship and the Generations

Formative Experiences Of Money

Common Experiences of Christian Stewardship

Meaning of Money

Stewardship Motivator

Current Financial Reality

Attitude Toward Institutional Church

How the Church Can Help Make Better Stewards

http://www.pghpresbytery.org/stewardship/pdfs/stewardship_and_generations.pdf

[Images for Stewardship and the Generations](#)

http://day1.org/241-the_rev_karl_travis

<http://fpcfw.org/about/staff/member/1221915/>

Stewardship and the Generations | Colorado Episcopal Foundation

Different generational experiences of money, its meaning, motivations to give, as well as attitudes toward institutions and the church lead to a heady mix that is confounding many stewardship leaders. With the oldest among us living longer, subsequent generations, with very different experiences and world views, find their questions about life, faith, meaning and giving, may not be addressed. You will achieve better results in your stewardship efforts if you align your communication with what motivates different age cohorts to give of themselves and of their resources.

http://coef.dioco.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3157851

[Images for Stewardship and the Generations | Colorado Episcopal Foundation](#)

<http://coef.dioco.org/Stewardship/generational-stewardship.html>

[Images for Stewardship/generational-stewardship](#)

2016 Stewardship Seminar - Rev. Hans Dahl - "Generosity Across the Generations" - YouTube

On August 23, 2016, rostered and lay leaders from across the Northwestern Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota Synods joined together at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (Moorhead, MN) for a day of learning about Stewardship. The fourth of four presentations came from Rev. Hans Dahl, who is currently serving as Senior Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wt3tkQFTneA>

[Images for "Generosity Across the Generations" - YouTube](#)

24) Give

Best 20+ Giving quotes ideas on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/giving-quotes/>

[Images for giving quotes ideas on Pinterest](#)

<https://www.pinterest.com/givingtuesday/giving-quotes/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/quotes-about-giving/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/wheredoyougive/get-inspired-quotes-about-giving/>

Beyond the Collection Plate: Overcoming Obstacles to Faithful Giving by Michael Durall

This is a comprehensive guide to building healthy congregational attitudes and practices toward managing and spending financial resources.

Much has been written about how churches can raise money. Less guidance is available to congregations about what to do with financial resources once they have been gathered in. Even less has been offered by way of a comprehensive view of congregational finances, one that demonstrates how individual attitudes toward giving money and congregational attitudes toward managing and spending money are inextricably linked together.

In this book, Michael Durall paints a wide-ranging picture of how churches can engender healthy attitudes and practices toward money among their members. How can churches counteract the consumerist mentality in society in ways that lead to simpler living and more sacrificial giving? How can churches tell which stewardship practices and programs are genuinely helpful, and which are seriously outdated? How can we build a strong bond between the day-to-day lives of parishioners and their charitable giving? What opportunities for better stewardship do the unique natures of each individual congregation present?

Written for pastors, finance committees, and everyone involved in the financial life of congregations, *Beyond the Collection Plate* will serve as an indispensable guide to how the priorities of God's kingdom can determine how money in the church is raised, managed, and spent.

This book is intended to help readers strengthen the bond between parishioners' daily lives and their charitable giving. It analyzes prevailing attitudes in church toward giving and managing money, demonstrates how many prevailing practices in stewardship campaigns and fundraising have lost their effectiveness, and provides strategies for encouraging more sacrificial giving.

<http://www.amazon.com/Beyond-Collection-Plate-Overcoming-Obstacles/dp/0687023157>

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https://generosityresearch.nd.edu/assets/9286/religious_giving.pdf

https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/documents/stew-dev/apf/stew_generosity.pdf

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/sites/default/files/resources/Booklet%20Handout.pdf>

<https://uugrowth.com/tag/michael-durall/>

<http://www.vitalcongregations.com/bri.html>

<https://www.thriftbooks.com/a/michael-durall/313447/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Michael-Durall/e/B001K8KBTQ>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/488383.Michael_Durall

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Church Giving Matters: More Money Really Does Mean More Ministry by Ben Stroup

There is a wide gap between how pastors are trained and what churches expect of them. Pastors are trained to preach, while congregations expect them to manage a complex, non-profit organization, measuring their success by the people in the pews and the dollars in the plate. On top of that, the ever-increasing complexity of local church ministry is demanding more money while the rules of funding ministry are changing, leaving many pastors feeling uncomfortable, unprepared, and overwhelmed.

Ben Stroup understands this dilemma well. While serving as pastor of a small, rural congregation that grappled with a changing community and the need to build a more sustainable funding model, he sought in vain for a resource to help manage the tension between balancing money and ministry.

Building on his church staff and business experience, Ben has effectually translated non-profit development strategies and techniques into the language and practice of the local church. With practical tools and effective leadership principles that can be immediately implemented, he assists churches in changing the conversation from "What do we have to cut to survive?" to "What does God want us to do next?"

If you desire to gain a better understanding of how to lead your church through tough and prosperous economic times, and if you believe God will provide all you need to accomplish the ministry he has placed on your heart, this book will be an invaluable resource to help you fund your God-inspired vision.

<http://www.amazon.com/Church-Giving-Matters-Really-Ministry/dp/1615070265>
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<https://www.vancopayments.com/egiving/blog/why-pledge-drives-can-kill-growth>
<https://www.amazon.com/Ben-Stroup/e/B00J2JISMC>
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[Images for Church Giving Matters: More Money Really Does Mean More Ministry by Ben Stroup](#)

Creating a Climate for Giving [Donald W. Joiner]

Church leaders are often heard to say that old ways aren't working any longer. *Creating a Climate for Giving* brings a vision for a fresh way of creating a climate for giving in local churches. Joiner explores the subsystems through which a church leads its members to give or not to give. We must refine fund-raising to funding ministry. In the interim between being a fund-raising church and becoming a funding ministry church, finance leaders will continue to need models demonstrating how to operate the short-term finance ministries of their church. This is where Joiner can help. A financial campaign for developing Christian philanthropists is included.

<http://www.amazon.com/Creating-Climate-Giving-Don-Joiner/dp/0881773182>
<https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/3092151-creating-a-climate-for-giving>
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<https://adventiststewardship.com/page591>
<http://tbfa.org/church-giving-bibliography/>
<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/stewardship>
<http://www.russelltrinityumc.org/INFORMATION/PastorsBlog/tabid/70/EntryId/65/Reason-for-Giving-Christian-Stewardship-Begins-With-Gods-Love.aspx>
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[Images for Creating a Climate for Giving \[Donald W. Joiner\]](#)

Developing a Giving Church [Stan Toler, Elmer L. Towns]

Today pastors and church leaders have an unparalleled opportunity to shape a biblical vision for Kingdom giving. According to a Christian Stewardship Association survey, there has been a 26-year decline in giving percentages among evangelicals. Christian giving has shrunk one and a half to three and a half percent, with 'only 1 or 2 out of 10 Christians' giving 10 percent of their income to the Lord's work. Based on the foundational premise that stewardship is the management of time, talents, and treasure, Stan Toler and Elmer Towns set forth a vision for pastors and church leaders to shape the thinking in the pews with biblical principles. *Developing a Giving Church* is designed to merge these principles with proven methods for creating a climate for giving through stewardship education. A vital stewardship resource, *Developing a Giving Church* includes guidance for shaping a giving environment, suggestions for developing committed steward leaders, counsel on stewardship strategies, insights from respected leaders, and testimonies from joyful givers. Also included are stewardship sermons, anecdotes, and quotes. Giving is good, but like other responsibilities of the Christian life, it demands discipline and commitment. For the pastor who is uncomfortable or unable to understand and teach his congregation these principles, *Developing a Giving Church* supplies the method and support. Stan Toler and Elmer Towns have combined pastoral leadership with practical applications that expand the role giving plays in the life of a vital, growing church.

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[Images for Stan Toler, author](#)
http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/towns_books/
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elmer_L._Towns
<https://www.logos.com/product/31901/elmer-l-towns-collection>
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Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace [Miroslav Volf]

We are at our human best when we give and forgive. But we live in a world in which it makes little sense to do either one. In our increasingly graceless culture, where can we find the motivation to give? And how do we learn to forgive when forgiving seems counterintuitive or even futile? A deeply personal yet profoundly thoughtful book, *Free of Charge* explores these questions - and the further questions to which they give rise - in light of God's generosity and Christ's sacrifice for us. Miroslav Volf draws from popular culture as well as from a wealth of literary and theological sources, weaving his rich reflections around the sturdy frame of Paul's vision of God's grace and Martin Luther's interpretation of that vision. Blending the best of theology and spirituality, he encourages us to echo in our own lives God's generous giving and forgiving. A fresh examination of two practices at the heart of the Christian faith - giving and forgiving - the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lenten study book for 2006 is at the same time an introduction to Christianity. Even more, it is a compelling invitation to Christian faith as a way of life. 'Miroslav Volf, one of the most celebrated theologians of our day, offers us a unique interweaving of intense reflection, vivid and painfully personal stories and sheer celebration of the giving God... I cannot remember having read a better account of what it means to say that Jesus suffered for us in our place.'

- Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

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Giving and Stewardship in an Effective Church: A Guide for Every Member [Kennon L. Callahan]

This complete guide to giving and stewardship sheds new light on solid financial resources, one of the 12 keys to building an effective church. Here is a practical plan for the growth and development of giving and stewardship in your congregation, complete with action worksheets that advance the progress of the plan over four years.

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Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation: Annual Stewardship Emphasis

Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation volume 15 is titled "Found Faithful in Little, with Much, with All". This year's theme uplifts generous giving and faithful stewardship as transformational spiritual practices in a holistic context: in little, with much, and with all. Other article writers and topics include:

"Balaam's Dilemma" by Dr. James Forbes

Kamila Blessing, author of *Speak Ye First the Kingdom: A Mainline Pastor's Journey into Abundance* shares guidelines to increase congregational generosity;

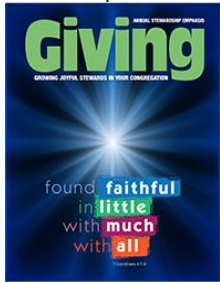
Pam Klainer, author of *How Much is Enough?* reflects on how her experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Panama influenced her concept of stewardship;

David Radcliff, Director of the New Community Project, looks at our responsibility to be good stewards of the earth;

Doug Flanders, Director of Major and Planned Gifts for the United Church of Canada, explores the blessing of legacy gifts for individuals and congregations.

Giving is packed with many more outstanding articles and reviews of books, videos, and digital resources.

The center section of the magazine outlines a simple response method for an annual congregational stewardship emphasis which can be used "as is" or supplemented with additional theme materials and companion resources. [Search by theme](#) in our web store for a complete list of materials that feature this theme.



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Giving-The Sacred Art: Creating a Lifestyle of Generosity (Art of Spiritual Living) [Lauren Tyler Wright MDiv]

Practical tips and inspiring thoughts for living a life of abundance and spirit-filled generosity. Giving of your resources is a profound act that can change your life and the lives of those around you. With gentleness and wisdom, this practical guide outlines the ways in which cultivating a lifestyle of generosity can be a source of personal transformation, spiritual renewal and deep joy. You will learn about: Giving as Worship—how the major faith traditions offer reverence through giving, Giving as Stewardship—managing resources for maximum benefit, Giving as Charity—providing for others out of a sense of compassion.

If ever there was a time in history for developing *Giving-the Sacred Art*, it is right now. There are so many people suffering and many in our own neighborhoods right here in the United States. Giving The Sacred Art by Lauren Tyler Wright makes a very strong case for becoming more generous and less self-centered. While it may be hard to make individual philanthropy, a sacrificial virtue mandated by the major world religions, sound enticing, inspirational and even occasionally pleasurable *Giving-the Sacred Art* often succeeds in doing just that. Generosity can give you joy, asserts Wright, a researcher on faith and family at Indiana University. In this refreshingly candid volume on the transformative power of sharing one's material, emotional and spiritual wealth, the author ponders the theological, psychological and social significance of giving. It is many things, she says: worship, stewardship, discipline and an act of redemption, charity and justice. Less a scholarly tome than a practical treatise, *Giving-the Sacred Art* offers multiple resources, including worksheets, exercises, quotations from some of the world's faith traditions and a bibliography. *Giving-the Sacred Art* by Lauren Tyler Wright is an inspirational read. Lauren Tyler Wright presents powerful and appealing encouragement for generosity.

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Giving may refer to: Gift, the transfer of something without the expectation of receiving something in return; Generosity, the habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return; Charity (practice), the giving of help to those in need who are not related to the giver;

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God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store--
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door--
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious Donor of our days.

Oremus Hymnal: God, whose giving knows no ending

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How much should we ask people to give? - Dan Hotchkiss

To transform a congregation that is diffident and awkward about money into one that asks for it, the first step is to clarify a vision for the future. The second step is to decide specifically how much money to ask for. And the third is to secure from those doing the asking – the board, minister, and canvass leaders – a personal commitment to say “yes.” When these steps are completed well,

the rest of the canvass is assured of success. I have found that I can be quite helpful, in a weekend visit or even a conference call, at walking congregations through these steps.

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How to Increase Giving in Your Church: A Practical Guide to the Sensitive Task of Raising Money For Your Church or Ministry [George Barna]

One of the most difficult tasks facing any church leader is the issue of raising funds. It's not that we don't realize that tithing and giving are biblical issues: God's Word is full of strong statements about the stewardship of money. But how does a pastor convey God's heart for stewardship? Literally, what's the best way to raise the money your church needs to survive? Obviously, God is the one who builds the church. He is the ultimate provider. But what's the best process of shepherding the funds He has for your church? This step-by-step guide will give you tools you need to raise funds in your church-scripturally and successfully-without compromising biblical integrity. After all, it's God's church and His money-but our responsibility to manage it.

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Maximize: How to Develop Extravagant Givers in Your Church [Nelson Searcy, Jennifer Dykes Henson]

Maximize is the ultimate how-to book for pastors and church leaders who long for their churches to be fully resourced to carry out ministry initiatives without financial strain. Pastor Nelson Searcy provides an innovative, step-by-step plan for turning first-time givers into extravagant stewards of God's resources. Shining a light on the often taboo subject of money, *Maximize* will explore what causes someone to give for the first time and what leaders can do to systemize and maximize these gifts while growing strong disciples. Readers will learn how to cultivate first-time givers, motivate people to tithe, develop an ongoing stewardship system, follow up with givers the right way, develop multiple giving options, shepherd the five types of givers in the church, educate people to grow in the grace of giving.

Stewardship is an essential part of discipleship. This revolutionary yet biblically based guide will chase the money discussion out of the darkness and bring it the attention it deserves. Every pastor needs a copy of *Maximize*!

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[More Give to Live: How Giving Can Change Your Life \[Douglas Lawson\]](#)

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[Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money by Christian Smith \(Author\), Michael O Emerson \(Author\), Patricia Snell \(Author\)](#)

Passing the Plate shows that few American Christians donate generously to religious and charitable causes - a parsimony that seriously undermines the work of churches and ministries. Far from the 10 percent of one's income that tithing requires, American Christians' financial giving typically amounts, by some measures, to less than one percent of annual earnings. And a startling one out of five self-identified Christians gives nothing at all.

This eye-opening book explores the reasons behind such ungenerous giving, the potential world-changing benefits of greater financial giving, and what can be done to improve matters. If American Christians gave more generously, say the authors, any number of worthy projects -- from the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS to the promotion of inter-religious understanding to the upgrading of world missions -- could be funded at astounding levels. Analyzing a wide range of social surveys and government and denominational statistical datasets and drawing on in-depth interviews with Christian pastors and church members in seven different states, the book identifies a crucial set of factors that appear to depress religious financial support -- among them the powerful allure of a mass-consumerist culture and its impact on Americans' priorities, parishioners' suspicions of waste and abuse by nonprofit administrators, clergy's hesitations to boldly ask for money, and the lack of structure and routine in the way most American Christians give away money. In their conclusion, the authors suggest practical steps that clergy and lay leaders might take to counteract these tendencies and better educate their congregations about the transformative effects of generous giving.

By illuminating the social and psychological forces that shape charitable giving, *Passing the Plate* is sure to spark a much-needed debate on a critical issue that is of much interest to church-goers, religious leaders, philanthropists, and social scientists.

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God is generous and blesses us abundantly. Everything we have belongs to God. Jesus taught us to **GIVE** with our heart, our spirit, and our possessions. This faith practice is hard to understand. Often times in our world today, we are taught that fulfillment comes from getting more, consuming more, and centering our lives on one's self. Yet Jesus teaches us to give everything to others. At baptism, God gives us spiritual gifts and abilities and he entrusts us to use them to make a difference in this world. As disciples when we learn to give of ourselves we will experience joy like never before.

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The Abingdon Guide to Funding Ministry: Proclaiming the Joy of Giving by Donald W. Joiner (Author), Norma Wimberly (Author)

Proclaiming the Joy of Giving is the focus of Volume 3 of *The Abingdon Guide to Funding Ministry*, offering tips that help church leaders talk about money with biblical authority and inspire church members to live faithfully.

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The Christian Wallet: Spending, Giving, and Living with a Conscience [Mike Slaughter, Karen Perry Smith]

Every Christian knows that we are called to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. But what about our wallet? We are asked to open it every Sunday when the offering basket comes by and are told that giving is a way of being a "good steward," but what about spending money at a restaurant or grocery store? Best-selling author Mike Slaughter offers a comprehensive look at how Christians use their money in *The Christian Wallet*. Slaughter explores today's culture of consumerism and the impact of what we buy, asking difficult questions about morality and money while acknowledging that there are no easy answers. Throughout the book, profiles of real people inspire thoughtful reflection about the true value of money and the rewards of conscious spending. Questions for individual or group study are also included with each chapter. *The Christian Wallet* helps Christians grapple with important questions about using money: how we spend, how we live, how we save, how we give, and what it all means.

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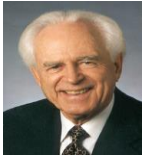
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The Grace of Giving: A Biblical Study of Christian Stewardship [Stephen F. Olford]

(Revised edition) A straight forward, encouraging, and practical discussion of the biblical imperatives for—and the immeasurable blessings of—generous financial stewardship.

Financial giving is a topic many people don't openly discuss. It is also a topic that many Christians misunderstand and undervalue. With a solid biblical perspective, Dr. Olford has penned a comprehensive, honest, and deeply perceptive study of financial stewardship. The topics covered include: Keeping the work of God alive, Giving joyfully, Integrity in giving, Managing gifts, Tithes, offerings, expenses, and savings.

Journey through the Scriptures to see the reasons for giving, the discipline of giving, and the motivation of giving. Application questions at the end of each chapter, and extensive biblical references for further study, make this an excellent guide for church, home, and individual use.



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The Ministry of Giving: Fund Your Vision by Developing Financial Leaders by Joel Mikell (Author), Bill McMillan (Author), Kimberly Stewart (Author), Ben Stroup (Editor)

Outside of financial crises or large capital campaigns, "major donors" or "high-capacity givers" may be the most ignored group in churches when it comes to spiritual development. *The Ministry of Giving* is a great reminder that our financial leaders have much more to give than just financial resources and building a bridge to them will benefit us in ways we have yet to understand or imagine. Launching a giving ministry isn't about money. It's about raising up people to fulfill the mission and vision God has placed on our hearts.

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The Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving (LifeChange Books) [Randy Alcorn]

Bestselling author Randy Alcorn introduced readers to a revolution in material freedom and radical generosity with the release of the original *The Treasure Principle* in 2001. Now the revision to the compact, perennial bestseller includes a provocative new concluding chapter depicting God asking a believer questions about his stewardship over material resources. Readers are moved

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In Randy Alcorn’s *The Treasure Principle*, you’ll unearth a radical teaching of Jesus—a secret wrapped up in giving. Once you discover this secret, life will never look the same. And you won’t want it to!

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To Give and Give Again: A Christian Imperative for Generosity [Donald W. Hinze]

Painfully challenging for most Americans is the author’s contention that we must come to terms with our relative abundance and prosperity before we can achieve a deeper spiritual awakening.

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20 Practical Tips to Increase Church Giving | Pushpay Blog

If you’re trying to increase church giving among your community members, you probably know that there’s a long road ahead of you. Tithes and offerings flow from generous hearts, and hearts don’t always become generous on our desired timetable!

That can make increasing church giving seem like a huge, daunting, even unstartable task. Generosity is a heavy flywheel, and the thought of pushing it to gain momentum can be overwhelming.

That’s why we’ve put together some practical, smaller steps that can move your church giving up over time:

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What do we get when we give to a good cause? | Seth's Blog

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Celebrate What's Right with the World

How easy it is to celebrate a birthday, a marriage, a holiday. How hard it is to hold that same perspective in our daily lives. Every day we are inundated with messages that tell us what's wrong with our world. It's not surprising that we lose sight of all the things that are right with it; of all that is truly worth celebrating. As a photographer, I have a choice of what lens I put on my camera; a choice of how I am going to view the world. I choose to celebrate. Why? Because it imbues me with **gratitude** because it fills me with energy. This website is for those who choose celebration. A gathering place where we can come to share, to learn, to recharge, to take action. To change the world – one celebration at a time.

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Gratitude – Your Mom was right. Never, never forget to say, “Thank you.” As a pastoral leader, “thank you” to God and others should be a natural, everyday prayer. Every gift of time, talent, or treasure – no matter how great or small – calls forth an **expression of gratitude**.

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Grateful and Generous Hearts [John H. Westerhoff]

Westerhoff challenges Christians to move beyond the quest for material possessions by embarking on a life of simplicity that begins with an inward journey. An exploration of how to fulfill the baptismal covenant by giving generously from the heart to achieve a deeper relationship with God. John H. Westerhoff is an Episcopal priest, the former professor of theology and Christian nurture at Duke University, the author of many books about Christian education and life. For the last decade, he has been theologian-in-residence at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks: Diana Butler Bass

The author of the multiple award-winning *Grounded* and leading trend spotter in contemporary Christianity explores why gratitude is missing as a modern spiritual practice, offers practical suggestions for reclaiming it, and illuminates how the shared practice of gratitude can lead to greater connection with God, our world, and our own souls.

More and more people are finding God beyond the walls of traditional religious institutions, but these seekers often miss the church community itself, including its shared spiritual practices such as gratitude. While four out of five Americans have told pollsters they feel gratitude in their daily lives, cultural commentator and religion expert Diana Butler Bass finds that claim to be at odds with the discontent that permeates modern society.

There is a gap, she argues, between our desire to be grateful and our ability to behave gratefully—a divide that influences our understanding of morality, worship, and institutional religion itself. In *Grateful*, Bass challenges readers to think about the impact gratitude has in our spiritual lives, and encourages them to make gratitude a "difficult and much-needed spiritual practice for our personal lives and to make a better world."

Grateful is partially an individual, emotional response to our circumstances, but research has shown that what we often miss is how much more it is a communal, actionable response. Bass examines this more unexpected experience of gratitude, and reveals how people and communities can practice it and thrive, whether or not they are part of a traditional religious community.

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Gratitude or Grouchiness – What Do You Cultivate in Your Work?

In this post, we explore the value of cultivating gratitude everyday – for ourselves and our organizations. Can gratitude be transformational? Absolutely!

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I Am a Grateful Pastor – ThomRainer.com

I could focus on tough times and the critics, and sometimes I do. But I have so much for which to be grateful, so many church members who bless me week after week.

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Kids Have an Inflated Sense of Entitlement

2. Teach **gratitude**. Children need to be appreciative and grateful. When gifts arrive during the holiday season or on a birthday (even if they're small and inexpensive), thank you notes should be sent. Whether they write them on note paper, through an email or make a phone call, time needs to be set aside for formal thank yous.

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Living in Gratitude: A Journey That Will Change Your Life by Angeles Arrien (Author), Marianne Williamson (Foreword)

What would happen if you made gratitude your focal point for one full year? With *Living in Gratitude*, Angeles Arrien invites you to find out. Integrating the latest teachings from social science with stories, prayers, and practices from cultures and traditions spanning the globe, she presents a 12-month plan for making gratitude your foundation for daily living.

Opening with themes such as "Beginning Anew" and "The Power of Equanimity" and progressing to "Letting Be and Letting Go," "The Mystic Heart," and more, readers will steep themselves in "the parent of all virtues," exploring:

How to overcome habitual tendencies toward envy, comparison, and narcissism

Blessings, learnings, mercies, and protections—the four portals to the grateful heart, and how to cultivate these key entryways in our work, relationships, health, finances, and personal growth

Journaling and reflection exercises, perennial and indigenous wisdoms, and universal practices for every season and situation

"The practice of gratitude bestows many benefits," writes Angeles Arrien. "Anger, arrogance, and jealousy melt in its embrace. Fear and defensiveness dissolve. Gratitude diminishes barriers to love and evokes happiness, keeping alive what has meaning for us."

Living in Gratitude is a dependable resource for making this cherished virtue your guiding light along life's journey.

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Our Society: The Sense of Entitlement - Buzzle

If we strive to better ourselves with **gratitude** and ambition, our personal achievements will replace our sense of entitlement with a sense of accomplishment.

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Radical Musings from Rethinking Stewardship

Entitlement leads to despair, **gratitude** to peace. It's all in the focus. Despair comes from focus on self and a sense of "what we deserve." Gratitude to God is its best antidote. When we know we bring nothing to this world, everything we have is a gift.

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The Next Step: Living out Gratitude

Living in gratitude means on a tense Monday morning with my family (those I thank God for every day) I zip my lip when I'd rather let someone have it. I thank God for my husband by showing him grace and not nagging him when other obligations push home projects to the bottom of his list.

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Why should that be? Why should the simple act of thinking about who and what I'm grateful for make such a big difference in my life? Just a few reasons:

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"Growth In Giving Means Church Growth" Sermon by Dave McFadden

Summary: If a church is going to grow as God has commanded us to, by making disciples, the people must give to support the ministry of the church.

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