

Interim Ministry Resources

Chapter 8 Stewardship

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1) Proportionate Giving

[PDF] Chart for Proportionate Giving

<http://www.htgoc.org/assets/files/Chart%20for%20Proportionate%20Giving.pdf>

[Images for Chart for Proportionate Giving](#)

<http://www.stpaulsnorwalk.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Proportional-Giving-Chart.pdf>

<http://htgoc.org/assets/files/Chart%20for%20Proportionate%20Giving.pdf>

<http://diocesefl.org/media/16981/invitation-to-the-tithe-percentage-chart.pdf>

<http://stfrancisziionsville.org/proportional-giving-chart/>

https://www.crossofchrist.us/site/cpage.asp?cpage_id=180076131&sec_id=180011774 Cross of Christ Lutheran Church - Proportional Giving

<http://allsaintshoboken.com/stewardship/> Proportional Giving Chart

http://holycross-elca.org/files/proportionate_giving.pdf Use this proportionate giving chart for a household conversation

<http://www.stpaulschatt.org/stewardship/> This chart can help you decide how much to pledge to St. Paul's during 2018.

<http://www.stmarysgoochland.org/give/pledging-faqs/> What is Proportional Giving?

<http://www.stmatthewsesko.org/stewardship> Proportionate Giving Chart

<https://www.winchester.anglican.org/giving-and-the-bible/> The Cheerful giver chart

<http://cargillchurchjanesville.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/GivingChart-1.pdf>

[PDF] Guide to Proportionate Giving

Instructions: Find your annual or weekly income in one of the first two columns. Then look across the row to determine your giving level in percent. We encourage each household to increase giving 1 percent per year.

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Proportional_Giving_Chart.pdf

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Stewardship>

[Images for Guide to Proportionate Giving](#)

Proportionate Giving - Bible

Afterwards, as his wealth multiplied, he increased the proportion.

http://biblehub.com/sermons/pub/proportionate_giving.htm

[Images for Proportionate Giving - Bible](#)

www.icr.org/article/christian-proportionate-giving/

<http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/657/WhatisProportionalGiving.pdf>

<https://www.icr.org/article/christian-proportionate-giving/>

<http://moneyhelpforchristians.com/proportionate-giving/>

[Images for Proportionate Giving - Money Help For Christians](#)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/commentaries/IVP-NT/2Cor/Guidelines-Giving> 2 Corinthians 8 Commentary - Guidelines for Giving - BibleGateway.com

Proportionate Giving - Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

Proportionate giving involves two points:

1. That our level of giving needs to rise out of our level of income.
2. That giving out of thanks for God's blessings will involve sharing a portion of that income with others. This is proportionate giving.

http://www.stewardship-dwtx.org/Treasure_Annual_Proportionate_Giving2.php

<http://www.poplutheran.com/Stewardship/03%20Proportionate%20Giving.pdf>

[Images for Proportionate Giving - Episcopal Diocese](#)

<http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/stewardship-development/education/proportionate-giving/>

http://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/WWW/CMS/files/proportionate_giving.pdf

<http://www.trurodiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Proportionate-giving-leaflet.pdf>

2) Quarterly Statements

How to Increase Financial Stewardship - The Parish Paper

[Quarterly Reports](#) to All Donors

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[PDF] Ch. Effectiveness Nuggets--Volume 5--How to Increase Financial Stewardship - The Parish Paper

<https://www.theparishpaper.com/sites/default/files/resources/Church%20Effectiveness%20Nuggets-%20Volume%205.pdf>

<https://www.theparishpaper.com/free-resources> Church Effective Nugget, Volume 5: How to Increase Financial Stewardship

[Images for How to Increase Financial Stewardship - The Parish Paper Quarterly Reports to All Donors](#)

<http://www.wisconsinumc.org/connections/conference-news/the-parish-paper>

<http://www.wcucc.org/resource-center/church-management/parish-paper/>

<http://www.hcucc.org/the-parish-paper>

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

Quarterly Statements as an Invitation to Community by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

This article speaks of the importance of providing information to members that have given but also to share stories of giving that display the foundational understanding of the purpose of giving. This share the statistics of giving but also the impact that the gifts are having.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4125>

[Images for Quarterly Statements as an Invitation to Community by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Send Quarterly Statements That Make the Right Statement

So, make sure that these quarterly statements – and all your communications – build up and encourage greater growth in discipleship and generosity!

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/send-quarterly-statements-that-make-the-right-statement>

[Images for Send Quarterly Statements That Make the Right Statement](#)

7 Ways Your Quarterly Giving Statements Can Make the Right Statement

Stewardship expert Ken Sloane outlines ideas for making sure that your church's quarterly giving statements express gratitude and let people know the difference their giving makes, rather than coming across like an impersonal bill or dues statement.

<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/7-ways-your-quarterly-giving-statements-can-make-the-right-statement/>

<https://www.churchleadership.com/stewardship/>

[Images for church quarterly giving statements express gratitude](#)

3) Sacrificial Giving

Sacrificial Giving - Sermon Central

Find sacrificial giving Sermons and Illustrations. Church Sermons, Illustrations, and PowerPoints for Preaching on sacrificial giving.

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/sermons-about-sacrificial-giving.asp>

[Images for Sacrificial Giving](#)

http://immanuel-lcms.com/images/Newsletter_2.2.pdf What is Sacrificial Giving? - Immanuel Lutheran Church

<https://www.intouch.org/Read/sacrificial-giving>

<https://bibletalk.tv/sacrificial-giving>

<http://church-planting.net/FreeDownloads/Ministry/Sacrificial%20Giving.pdf>

<https://www.faithandleadership.com/sacrificial-giving>

<https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/1939/11/blessings-of-sacrificial-giving>

<http://www.wmu.com/?q=article/wmu-blog-adults-adults-mission/sacrificial-giving>

<https://www.freemoneyfinance.com/2012/07/sacrificial-giving.html>

<https://www.evangelical-times.org/26296/sacrificial-giving/>

[Images for Sacrificial giving Pinterest](#)

[Images for sacrificial giving quotes](#)

Sharing Treasure, Time, and Talent: A Parish Manual for Sacrificial Giving or Tithing [Joseph M. Champlin]

A guide on how to raise money for a church using the congregation's treasures, time and talent. A new and better way to make money to support a church.

<http://www.amazon.com/Sharing-Treasure-Time-Talent-Sacrificial/dp/0814612776>

https://books.google.com/books/about/Sharing_Treasure_Time_and_Talent.html?id=qb7pgdiVVMEC

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_M._Champlin

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/55505.Joseph_M_Champlin

[Images for Joseph M. Champlin, author sacrifice](#)

[Images for Sharing Treasure, Time, and Talent: A Parish Manual for Sacrificial Giving or Tithing \[Joseph M. Champlin\]](#)

Stewardship and Sacrificial Giving - Church of the Holy Family

Sacrificial Giving is a spiritually motivated way for us to carry out the stewardship of our treasure.

<http://www.holyfamilynovi.org/Programs/pdfDocs/SacrificialGiving.pdf>

[Images for Sacrificial Giving is a spiritually motivated way for us to carry out the stewardship of our treasure.](#)

<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org/Stewardship/SacrificialGiving.htm>

[Images for everything we have is a gift from God](#)

What Does the Bible Say About Sacrificial Giving? - OpenBible.info

https://www.openbible.info/topics/sacrificial_giving

[Images for bible and sacrificial giving](#)

<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Sacrificial-Giving>

<https://bibletalk.tv/sacrificial-giving>

<https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Topical.show/RTD/CGG/ID/2589/Sacrificial-Giving.htm>

http://www.jdgreear.com/my_weblog/2012/11/8-observations-about-sacrificial-giving.html

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-5-giving-god-s-way-selected-scriptures> C. I SHOULD GIVE SACRIFICIALLY AT TIMES

<http://wayneclark.name/wp/tithing-and-sacrificial-giving/>

<http://wayneclark.name/wp/tithing-and-sacrificial-giving-2/>

4) Save

Best 25+ Saving money quotes ideas on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/saving-money-quotes/>
[Images for saving money pinterest](#)
<https://www.pinterest.com/msmblog/money-saving-ideas/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/mintnotion/saving-money/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/allfinance/saving-money/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/carringtonedu/money-saving-tips/>
<https://www.pinterest.ca/mintnotion/saving-money/>
<https://www.thebalance.com/how-to-save-when-money-is-tight-2386118>
<https://www.pinterest.com/treasurewhitehe/savings-challenge/>

Choose to Save®

Saving is vital to a secure financial future.

<http://www.choosetosave.org/>
[Images for Choose to Save® Saving is vital to a secure financial future.](#)

How to Save Money Every Month: 13 Steps (with Pictures) - wikiHow

In tough economic times, it's often difficult to put away savings for when you'll need it. Many of us find ourselves living paycheck to paycheck, struggling to pay rising living expenses. Because emergencies like health problems and job loss can happen to anyone, many advise that a minimum savings goal should be roughly three-to-six months of living expenses. In contrast, a recent survey found that only 71 percent of Americans had any type of emergency savings, the lowest surveyed in five years.^[1] Saving money may seem impossible now, but luckily there are many simple ways to live frugally.

<https://www.wikihow.com/Save-Money-Every-Month>
[Images for Save Money Every Month](#)
<https://www.daveramsey.com/blog/how-to-save-money-every-month>
<https://www.womansday.com/life/work-money/q19665058/how-to-save-money-each-month/>
<https://www.frugalrules.com/save-money-every-month/>
<https://thecollegeinvestor.com/16433/save-more-money-each-month/>
<https://www.biblemoney matters.com/50-easy-ways-to-save-money-every-month/>
<https://www.joyfullythriving.com/ways-to-save-money-each-month/>

101 Ways To Save Money - Forbes

Whether you're saving up for a big goal or paying down debt, cutting costs is one of the best ways to do more with the money you have.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/laurashin/2016/08/30/101-ways-to-save-money/#59a102526c81>
[Images for 101 Ways To Save Money - Forbes](#)
<https://www.forbes.com/pictures/efik45eglfq/websites-for-saving-money/#74d26f397f16>
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/brianrashid/2017/04/29/the-10-best-ways-to-save-money/#1932b0b67f37>
[Images for ways to save money](#)
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/lizfrazierpeck/2018/01/27/35-realistic-ways-to-save-money-starting-now/#6872fae84024>
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/samanthasharf/2016/02/05/24-ways-to-save-find-and-earn-extra-money-with-minimal-effort/#3ad3560125e5>
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/moneybuilder/2011/09/20/want-to-save-serious-cash-focus-on-the-big-stuff-first/#71d3a8b43e06>
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/deborahljacobs/2013/01/09/how-to-save-money-when-youre-broke/#68d4aeaa73d9>
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jennifercohen/2016/01/05/16-savvy-ways-to-save-money-every-month/#4f650baa5beb>
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/johnwasik/2016/09/23/three-ways-to-save-a-lot-more-for-retirement/#5b2583fe1b50>

Save Quotes - BrainyQuote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/save>
[Images for save quotes](#)
<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/save>
<https://thoughtcatalog.com/helen-zhang/2014/06/10-great-quotes-about-saving-money/>
<https://www.dailyworth.com/posts/2879-25-powerful-quotes-on-saving/25>
<https://blog.bling.com/just-for-fun/60-quotes-about-money/>
<https://medium.com/personal-finance/13-powerful-quotes-that-will-inspire-you-to-save-money-37242acc4c7b>
<http://www.wiseoldsayings.com/saving-money-quotes/>

Saving - Wikipedia

Saving is [income](#) not spent, or deferred [consumption](#). Methods of saving include putting money aside in, for example, a [deposit account](#), a [pension account](#), an [investment fund](#), or as [cash](#).^[1] Saving also involves reducing expenditures, such as recurring [costs](#). In terms of [personal finance](#), saving generally specifies low-risk preservation of money, as in a [deposit account](#), versus [investment](#).

wherein risk is a lot higher; in [economics](#) more broadly, it refers to any income not used for immediate consumption. Saving does not automatically include interest.



Depositing change in a piggy bank is a frequently used savings strategy.

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

[Images for saving](#)

Share Save Spend

Learn how Nathan & Share Save Spend are changing the world's perception of money.

<http://www.sharesavespend.com/>

[Images for Share Save Spend](#)

What Does the Bible Say About Saving Money? - OpenBible

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

[Images for bible and saving money](#)

<http://www.gotquestions.org/saving-money.html>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/7-biblical-principles-saving-investing-money/>

<http://www.artrainer.com/6-bible-verses-that-encourage-you-to-start-saving-some-money/>

<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2015/10/12/top-6-bible-verses-about-saving-money/>

<https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Bible-Verses-About-Saving-Money/>

<https://www.backtothebible.org/10-financial-principles-that-are-biblical> Bible Backs Saving

<https://www.thestreet.com/story/11141317/1/10-money-lessons-from-the-bible.html> #8

<https://www.viralbeliever.com/bible-verses-about-saving-money/>

<https://www.crown.org/blog/what-the-bible-says-about-saving/>

<https://www.christianpost.com/voice/a-biblical-case-for-saving-money.html>

<http://moneyhelpforchristians.com/what-does-the-bible-teach-about-saving-money/>

<https://www.christiantoday.com/article/tips-on-saving-money-from-the-bible-three-verses-to-teach-you-how/83303.htm>

<https://shepherdthoughts.com/baptistchurchny/should-a-christian-save-money/>

<http://www.christiancommoncents.com/2012/03/03/ways-save-money-reading-bible/>

<https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/bible-studies/financial-faithfulness/saving-money-saving-your-future.html>

5) Second Mile Giving

Going the Second Mile: Letting God Take You Beyond Yourself by Mel Blackaby (Author)

What is the second mile? It's the difference between living as a good person and enjoying life as a child of God. When you "do your best" for someone, you go the first mile. When God does *His* best *through* you, you experience the second mile. This can happen only when you let Christ in you take over and empower you to accomplish what is impossible by your natural abilities. While others see you on the first mile, they see Christ on the second. This miraculous Christian life will overwhelm you with more time, energy, and peace. You can't help but freely give more away! Because God does not reward your duty, He blesses your relationship with His Son. It's time to experience radical living. It's time to enter into *the second mile*!

<https://www.amazon.com/Going-Second-Mile-Letting-Yourself/dp/1601423306>

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/694497.Going_the_Second_Mile

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/going-the-second-mile-mel-blackaby/1103141129?type=eBook>

<https://www.christianbook.com/going-second-letting-beyond-yourself-ebook/mel-blackaby/9780307562241/pd/11325EB>

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/14065/going-the-second-mile-by-mel-blackaby/9781601423306/>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0307562247>

https://books.google.com/books/about/Going_the_Second_Mile.html?id=bqrL9-sBPt4C

<http://www.christianbookpreviews.com/christian-book-detail.php?isbn=1590525159>

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/75343/mel-blackaby>

<https://www.thriftbooks.com/a/melvin-d-blackaby/223619/>

https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/228855.Melvin_D_Blackaby

[Images for Going the Second Mile: Letting God Take You Beyond Yourself by Mel Blackaby \(Author\)](#)

Second Mile Giving - Welcome to the Sierra Pacific Synod

[January - Companion Synods](#)

[February - Lutheran Social Services](#)

[March - Campus Ministry](#)

[April - PLTS](#)

[May - Mt. Cross](#)

[June - Lutheran Office of Public Policy \(California\) - Second Mile brochure](#)

[July - SF Night Ministry](#)

[August - Lutheran Advocacy Ministry In Nevada \(full sheet\)](#)

[August - Lutheran Advocacy Ministry In Nevada \(half sheet\)](#)

[September - ELCA Disaster Response](#)

[October - California Lutheran University](#)

[November - Lutheran Social Services](#)

[December - Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary](#)

<http://www.spselca.org/SecondMile.html>

[Images for Second Mile Giving - Welcome to the Sierra Pacific Synod](#)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church | 2nd Mile Giving

With regard to financial support for the ministries of St. Paul's UMC, we all go the first mile together with each of us pledging yearly an increasing portion of our income to our operating budget as we all work toward 10% of our income to our operating budget as we all work toward 10% or a tithe of our income. (Or beyond for some!) This is the underlying support for all our ministries.

But we recognize that each of us has particular ministries that capture our hearts! 2nd Mile giving allows people the opportunity to give to ministries in the operating budget "over and above" their first mile pledge, for the ministries to which they feel particularly called.

<http://www.stpaulsumcgb.com/2nd-mile-giving>

[Images for 2nd Mile Giving](#)

http://www.umcgiving.org/site/c.qwL6KkNWLrH/b.7546427/k.BC5B/Second_Mile_Giving.htm

[Images for Second Mile Giving | UMC Giving](#)

<https://www.umcmision.org/give-to-mission/the-advance>

<http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-service-special-gifts>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYA-msl3k5s> Second Mile Giving - Generosity Video 4 (2017) - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeHHkV__51E Second Mile Giving - Generosity Video 4 - YouTube

26 best Second Mile Service images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/chickfilacolora/second-mile-service/>

[Images for second mile pinterest](#)

What Does the Bible Say About Going The Extra Mile? - OpenBible.info

https://www.openbible.info/topics/going_the_extra_mile

[Images for bible and extra mile](#)

6) Sermons

A God of Abundance by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: Psalm 116 & Story of Feeding the 5,000

It is the abundant presence of Jesus that will go with you from this place today, back to your job, and churches, and homes. And it is this abundant presence of Jesus that can fill us up to overflowing, allowing us to spill over into the lives of people around us.

Allowing us to take the bread we've been given and be the ones to hand it out to those who are hungering for it. And it is this abundant presence of Jesus that comes and meets you in this moment... right where you are... filling you up, satisfying your hunger, and as always, offering you more, so much more, than enough.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4179>

[Images for A God of Abundance by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/living-in-abundance-perspectives-from-classic-texts-in-scripture-session-1-of-3/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/living-in-abundance-jesus-money-and-faith-session-2-of-3/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/living-in-abundance-faith-working-through-love-session-3-of-3/>

A Shakedown God by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Scripture: Haggai 1:5-2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Haggai's description of the Hebrew people may have been written 2500 years ago, but it reads a lot like 21st century America. Our consuming ways do not satisfy, but rather extend our **material gluttony**. The unsated appetite we feel is as much spiritual as anything else. Feeding our consumptive impulse will never provide what we truly crave, which is something far deeper and more valuable.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3968>

[Images for material gluttony unsated appetite by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

A Stewardship Scrapbook by William Phillippe

This remarkable book represents the very best of William Phillippe's lifelong stewardship files: materials he has used in four decades of training, talks, and **sermons** about giving to the church. It includes biblical texts, sermons, sermon ideas, inspiring stories, quotations, and other aids for ministers, lay leaders, and others interested in the many facets of stewardship.

<http://www.amazon.com/Stewardship-Scrapbook-William-R-Phillippe/dp/0664500447>

http://books.google.com/books/about/A_Stewardship_Scrapbook.html?id=UpdTHzT0xmQC

<https://www.amazon.com/William-R.-Phillippe/e/B001HCVNG0>

[Images for Stewardship Scrapbook by William Phillippe](#)

A Sure Sign of Life by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Deuteronomy 26:1-25

Lent 1C

Rev. Miles uses Moses' **sermon** to talk about stewardship. This sermon can be summed by the last few lines: Winston Churchill knew this. He once said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Giving is a sure sign of life.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4059>

[Images for A Sure Sign of Life by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Deuteronomy 26:1-25](#)

All You Have to Do by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Luke 18:18-26

"There is nothing anything can do to be saved, because it is God who is doing the doing: Salvation is God's sheer gift to those who believe in Jesus Christ."

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4066>

[Images for All You Have to Do by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Luke 18:18-26](#)

[Images for Salvation is God's sheer gift](#)

Bear Fruit: God's Apples by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

This **sermon** uses apples as a means to recall the gifts God gives. The ten gifts he identifies are Baptism, Holy Communion, Bible, The Word, Prayer, Music, ability to work with our hands, Time, Money, and the need to give.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3925>

[Images for Bear Fruit: God's Apples by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

[Images for This sermon uses apples as a means to recall the gifts God gives. The ten gifts he identifies are Baptism, Holy Communion, Bible, The Word, Prayer, Music, ability to work with our hands, Time, Money, and the need to give.](#)

Being a Steward by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary

Text: Micah 6:6-8

This **sermon** defines stewardship and invites the participants to reflect on answers to these two questions:

Who were the people in my life that helped shape my understanding, actions, or appreciation of stewardship, and what made their efforts so memorable to me? What attitudes and actions made a significant difference and inspired stewardship in me?

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/>

[Images for Being a Steward by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary Text: Micah 6:6-8 sermon](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/blog/stewardship-posts/>

Being Rich vs. Thinking You Are (The Story of Two Farmers) by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: Luke 12:13-21

The real question is how you look upon your life and what you have – whether you see it in terms of 'I', 'my', and 'mine', or as a gift and trust from God.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4017>

[Images for Being Rich vs. Thinking You Are \(The Story of Two Farmers\) by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Biblical Stewardship Sermons & Videos - Stewardship Central

Sermon Series

http://www.stewardshipcentral.org/sermon_series

[Images for Biblical Stewardship Sermons & Videos - Stewardship Central](#)

Challenge: I Live in a Life of Plenty in a World of Poverty by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Luke 12:13-21

Jesus recognized that possessions and riches can stifle or ever smother growth in the faith. When they become the focus for our being, our trust in God becomes secondary to how much money we have to what our net worth is.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3920>

[Images for Jesus recognized that possessions and riches can stifle or ever smother growth in the faith.](#)

Christmas Homily: 57 Cents by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

A little girl left outside of Sunday School saves her money and builds what becomes a Philadelphia landmark.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3753>

[Images for Christmas Homily: 57 Cents by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Climate Prayers and Sample Sermons

Here are some prayers and sermons on climate care to give an idea what others have said on the subject. Also, in this section are links to other collections of sermons as well as websites that may be of use to anyone writing a sermon on environmental issues.

<http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/clergy-corner/sample-sermons/>

[Images for prayers and sermons on climate care](#)

Do Not Be Afraid by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Luke 12:22-34

The question of the morning is, “Who are we going to listen to?” There are plenty of voices out there screaming scarcity, crying out about all that we used to have that we don’t have any more. And then there is Jesus’ voice, reminding us that God has always blessed us, and will always bless us. And there is Jesus’ voice issuing the invitation to faith – “Don’t be afraid.”

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4098>

[Images for Do Not Be Afraid by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Does Your Giving Matter? by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Just as Jesus knew about the woman and her two copper coins, God knows about us and our giving and God cares deeply about our giving.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=15

[Images for Does Your Giving Matter? by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Extravagant Generosity by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Perspectives:

- Generosity has much more to do with a person’s heart and values than what is in his or bank account.
- God is extravagantly generous.
- When I keep what I am at liberty to give, part of me dies. God has blessed us for one reason so that we can be generous for God’s sake.
- The spiritually wise person has always known that frivolous consumption corrupts the soul.
- Ultimately how we handle our money and our life hinges on where we place our trust.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4150>

[Images for Extravagant Generosity by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Fear Grips Wall Street by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Amazing things happen when we give ourselves to the Lord. It is not that all our troubles or challenges will magically disappear but rather we begin to see ourselves and the world in a different light – a new perspective – we begin to see how rich we are.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4086>

[Images for Fear Grips Wall Street by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

First You Better Buy a Semi (Go ahead – Test God) by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Malachi 3:10

Generous, faithful, awesome. George Haynes trumpets these attributes of God in a series of stewardship sermons.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=1071

[Images for Malachi 3:10 Generous, faithful, awesome. George Haynes trumpets these attributes of God in a series of stewardship sermons.](#)

Five Principles of Biblical Generosity by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

2 Corinthians 8 & 9

This sermon conveys steps for people who are ready to begin the journey toward being a generous giver.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4091>

[Images for Five Principles of Biblical Generosity by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

generosity Sermon Illustration, Sermon Illustrations on generosity

Find generosity Sermon Illustrations. Church Sermons, Illustrations, and PowerPoints for Preaching on generosity.

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/illustrations/illustrations-about-generosity.asp>

[Images for generosity Sermon Illustration, Sermon Illustrations on generosity](#)

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generosity - Sermon Illustrations

<http://www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/g/generosity.htm>

[Images for generosity - Sermon Illustrations](#)

Give in Proportion to What God has Given You - Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary

Stewardship Lesson #1: Give in Proportion to What God has Given You

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-lesson-1-give-in-proportion-to-what-god-has-given-you/>

[Images for Give in Proportion to What God has Given You - Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-lesson-2-trusting-the-promises-of-god/>

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

Give to Grow (A Case Statement) by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

In this case statement Glenn discusses where Incarnation has been and where it has the potential to go. This is an easy to follow talk that can be transformed into most congregations.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=1100

[Images for Give to Grow by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

Giving - Sermon Central

Find giving Sermon Illustrations. Church Sermons, Illustrations, and PowerPoints for Preaching on giving.

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/illustrations/illustrations-about-giving.asp>

[Images for Giving - Sermon Central Find giving Sermon Illustrations. Church Sermons, Illustrations, and PowerPoints for Preaching on giving.](#)

giving - Sermon Illustrations

<http://www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/g/giving.htm>

[Images for giving - Sermon Illustrations](#)

God's Crazy Arithmetic (Give it – there will be more to give) by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

1 Kings 17:8-16

Trust and obedience – committing one's self to the Lord and to his word... this is the key to discovering the truth of God's promise and God's providence.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4019>

[Images for Trust and obedience – committing one's self to the Lord and to his word... this is the key to discovering the truth of God's promise and God's providence.](#)

God's Plan, Our Future, Our Hope - Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary

God has a plan for us. We have to face the future with hope.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/gods-plan-our-future-our-hope/>

[Images for God's Plan, Our Future, Our Hope by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Growing with Gratitude by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Psalms 65; 1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10

God invites us to let our thankfulness change the way we live and the way we give, moving us to generosity that leads to life.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4002>

[Images for Growing with Gratitude by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Hop on the Bus – Assessing what's Important by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Text: Psalm 27:11 "Teach me thy way, O Lord. Lead me on a straight path."

Today we are going to be assessing, together and as individuals, what's important in our lives, and considering, as disciples, how all the demands on our time and money fit together.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3754>

[Images for Hop on the Bus – Assessing what's Important by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

How Do You Live Your Life in Response to God's Abundance in Your Lives? by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Text: Luke 12:13-21

This is a financial stewardship **sermon** that is preached at a time when there is not a request to the congregation to give more money. Instead it examines the relationship we have with what God has entrusted to us.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4180>

[Images for How Do You Live Your Life in Response to God's Abundance in Your Lives? by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

How to Be an Indian Giver: A Thanksgiving Sermon by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

How do you view your possessions? Are they a problem or an opportunity? This sermon uses several illustrations to demonstrate how gifts that keep moving keep giving like Christ's love.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=1177

[Images for How to Be an Indian Giver: A Thanksgiving Sermon by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/what-was-on-the-menu-at-the-first-thanksgiving-511554/?no-ist>

I Have a Bone to Pick with You by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Stories about how people can become backbones to others through their generosity.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=1132

[Images for Stories about how people can become backbones to others through their generosity.](#)

Imagine by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Mark 4:1-24

Paul Monson invites people to imagine what their life can be like when they act as generous givers.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4012>
[Images for people imagine what their life can be like when they act as generous givers.](#)

Just Talk About What's in the Bible by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

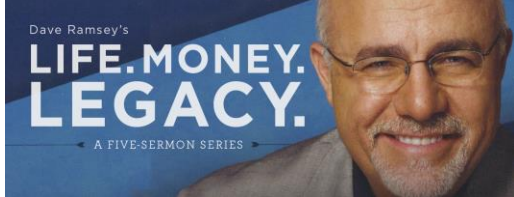
Text: Luke 14:25-33

The church is a place where we experiment in being stewards... of managing our lives with Jesus at the center. Today Jesus has given us three places where we can practice this stewardship:

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4183>
[Images for managing our lives with Jesus at the center](#)

Life, Money, Legacy - Stewardship Central

Financial expert Dave Ramsey presents a biblically based view of money in five entertaining and practical messages.



https://www.stewardshipcentral.org/sermon_series/life-money-legacy
[Images for Life, Money, Legacy - Stewardship Central](#)
http://www.stewardshipcentral.org/sermon_series
https://www.stewardshipcentral.org/sermon_series/life-money-legacy
www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL10O9IzgYluRdCM3PqB0qfpzusuQpdw Life. Money. Legacy. - YouTube
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/853> Dave Ramsey's Life. Money. Legacy - RightNow Media
<http://gatewaypeople.com/ministries/life/events/life-money-legacy?page=2&campus=22&selector=changed>

Living in the Real World by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Matthew 6:24-34

The work of **faithful living in God's real world** is good work... but it's work that we need to do together, and I would enjoy your partnership.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4058>
[Images for faithful living in God's real world](#)

Made for Stewardship – Timothy Keller [Sermon] - YouTube

Tim Keller sermons via Gospel in Life: We are called to work because God also worked - He created the world! We can work for God by using our gifts for others. We also need rest from our work, which comes from our security in God through Christ.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHluteKTQy0>
[Images for Made for Stewardship – Timothy Keller \[Sermon\] - YouTube](#)

Make Your Life Count by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Texts: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19 and Luke 16:19-31

Gorges speaks within this sermon about giving and financial stewardship. This **sermon** can be summarized by the final sentence within it: "Make your life count by giving."

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4087>
[Images for Make Your Life Count by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Money Anxiety by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

When facing anxiety of money, what perspective does a disciple have? What practices might help a person maintain that perspective?

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4190>
[Images for Money Anxiety by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

Money, Money, Mission by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Psalm 27:1, 4-9, Matthew 4:12-23

Few Christians realize that money is a dominant topic in the Bible. It has more than 2,500 references about money and related topics. Jesus himself did not shy away from the topic. The New Testament says more about money than heaven and hell combined. Five times more is said about money than prayer and faith. Money and how we use it is a spiritual issue.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=1116
[Images for Money, Money, Mission by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

Money Talk on Mother's Day by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

The **sermon** wrestles with the power of money and points to peace that comes when we trust God. It contains three cultural myths about money that are contrasted by five biblical principles of giving.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4188>

[Images for Money Talk on Mother's Day by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

No One Could Serve Two Masters (Why Would You Want To?) by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Texts: Isaiah 49:8-16, Matthew 6:24-34

Choosing God as our master instead of money frees us. It frees us from worry and it frees us to appreciate the blessings we have to share them. Worry is such a waste. Raise your hand if by worrying you can add a single hour to the length of your life. Therefore, do not worry. God has inscribed you on the palms of his hands. Put yourself in those capable and loving hands and enjoy the ride.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4088>

[Images for Choosing God as our master instead of money frees us.](#)

offline Affluenza - 2002 Eternal Treasures: The Great Delusion by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

In this **sermon**, Pastor Foss tackles the challenge of materialism (Affluenza): "The great delusion we live with is that we really can buy happiness."

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=346

[Images for In this sermon, Pastor Foss tackles the challenge of materialism \(Affluenza\): The great delusion we live with is that we really can buy happiness.](#)

On Giving More than You Can Afford by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Mark 12 – The Widow's Mite

Most of us, even the most faithful stewards, build our giving around what we can afford. We are safe, careful, responsible people.

We aren't reckless, extravagant people.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4004>

[Images for On Giving More than You Can Afford by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary Mark 12 – The Widow's Mite](#)

On Leaving a Legacy by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

2 Timothy 1:1-14

We stretch and commit ourselves to leave a legacy, a legacy of faith, hope and love, a legacy that will live long after we ourselves are gone.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3759>

[Images for On Leaving a Legacy by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary 2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)

One Incredible Trust (We're Not Talking Peanuts Here) by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Matthew 25:14-30

Christ the King (A)

"God has, in fact, entrusted everything that is God's into your hands; God has taken everything that is God's – or even associated with God – and put it right smack dab in your hands as a trust..."

https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=1070

[Images for Matthew 25:14-30 Christ the King \(A\) "God has, in fact, entrusted everything that is God's into your hands; God has taken everything that is God's – or even associated with God – and put it right smack dab in your hands as a trust..."](#)

Open Your Hands by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Texts: Deuteronomy 15:7-11, Psalm 145:16

A **sermon** in which the preacher invites people to consider their hands as an expression of discipleship.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4151>

[Images for Open Your Hands by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Our Grateful Response by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

"The response we Christians have toward the chaos and insecurity of the world around us is not fear but gratitude to God, for in God all things hold together. What is missing in the life of the reluctant servant in the parable is a grateful response – which brings us back around to the stewardship campaign, after all."

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4000>

[Images for Our Grateful Response by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/gratitude-grace/>

Pay It Forward by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

This sermon builds on the theme of the movie, Pay It Forward. An unexpected good deed is paid forward by doing a good deed for someone else.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3850>

[Images for Pay It Forward by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary This sermon builds on the theme of the movie, Pay It Forward.](#)

Popular Sermons on Stewardship to Preach - Preaching.com

<https://www.preaching.com/sermon-topics/sermons-on-stewardship/>

[Images for Popular Sermons on Stewardship to Preach - Preaching.com](#)

Poverty and Generosity by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Christ the King

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Ordinary 13B

The question is not "How much of what is mine should I give to God?" The question is "How of God's can I in good conscience keep for myself?" The question is not "Am I able to give?" The question is "Am I willing to give?" The question is not "How much money does the church need?" The question is "How much do I need to give to feel right about what I am doing?" The question is not "Can I?" The question is "Will I?"

<http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3758>

[Images for Poverty and Generosity by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/growing-generosity-part-1/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/generous-space/>

Press On by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul Larson encourages people of God to press on toward the goal of becoming like Jesus.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3953>

[Images for Press On by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Proclaiming Stewardship: A Guide for Sermons and Temple Talks

The following is, therefore, a summary of course gleanings to consider when preachers, both ordained and lay, consider publicly what stewardship means.

<http://www.stewardshipoflife.org/1995/09/proclaiming-stewardship/>

<http://www.stewardshipoflife.org/2010/05/proclaiming-stewardship-a-guide-for-sermons-and-temple-talks/>

[Images for Proclaiming Stewardship: A Guide for Sermons and Temple Talks](#)

Radical Generosity by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Ours is to live God's radical generosity, for "Grounded in grace, (we are) sent to serve.

Luke 10:17-20

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4026>

[Images for Radical Generosity by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-marathon-top-ten-takeaways/> #2

Resources - Stewardship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

On this page, you'll find resources to assist you in your personal and household stewardship and in your congregation's stewardship ministry. The categories below — Call or vocation, Leadership, Spiritual gifts, Caring for creation, Lifestyle and Managing finances — illustrate the various ways we understand stewardship as it relates to our lives and to our communities. Click on a tab to get started exploring!

[Leadership](#)

[Care for Creation](#)

[Lifestyle Finances](#)

[Spiritual Gifts](#)

[StewardNet](#)

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Stewardship>

[Images for Resources - Stewardship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

Rich in the Eyes of God by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

A **sermon** based on Luke 12:13-21. Jesus parable reminds us that we'll never have the formula for our lives right unless God is at the very center. Jesus didn't believe that wealth or possessions were evil in and of themselves and neither are the people who have them; Jesus simply knew that wealth and possessions offer us a great temptation to put our faith and trust in them rather than in God.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4025>

[Images for Rich in the Eyes of God by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Sermon Library – Mennonite Creation Care Network

This sermon library features sermons on creation care themes. Sermons are arranged alphabetically by text. They are tagged so that you can search by author or congregation also. Most come from MCCN members and/or were preached in Mennonite settings.

<http://www.mennocreationcare.org/resources-and-ideas/sermon-library>

[Images for Sermon Library – Mennonite Creation Care Network](#)

Sermon: The Fundamentals of Stewardship - YouTube

We are bestowed with the honor and the duty to be stewards of the creation that God has designed. God is the master of the universe, and God has made us the stewards. We are called upon to serve God and follow His commands. Some people have trouble with the responsibility of stewardship, but as we get the fundamentals right, the practical applications will follow. We often downsize just how great our God truly is, and Job puts it very well, "I know You can do all things, and Your purpose cannot be thwarted. No matter how great our image of God is, it is not big enough, for we cannot comprehend His omnipotence, omnipresence, and all understanding knowledge.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKIL-zX8UyE>

[Images for Sermon: The Fundamentals of Stewardship - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LeXeBGsONrM> Sermon: Stewardship: The Good Use of God's Gifts – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CbNc-oNu3A> Sermon: The Stewardship of Work – YouTube

Sermons about Stewardship - SermonCentral.com

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/sermons-about-stewardship>

[Images for Sermons about Stewardship - SermonCentral.com](#)

Sermons | Earth Ministry

One of the best ways to educate people of faith is to preach sermons that encourage Christians to care God's gift of creation. If you are new to the concept of creation care, you may want to begin by learning more about eco-theology, the theological basis for caring about God's creation.

<http://earthministrytemp.org/worship/sermons/>

[Images for Sermons | Earth Ministry](#)

Sermons from Seattle - Sermons - Stewardship

<http://www.sermonsfromseattle.com/stewardship.htm>

[Images for Sermons from Seattle - Stewardship](#)

Sermons on Giving and Stewardship - Barnabas Foundation

Browse our sermon library from various pastors to help stimulate new ways of thinking about and presenting principles of stewardship in your sermons. The following sermon ideas are provided as a service to you and do not necessarily imply an endorsement from Barnabas Foundation.

<http://barnabasfoundation.com/churches/resources/sermons-on-giving-and-stewardship/>

[Images for Sermons on Giving and Stewardship - Barnabas Foundation](#)

"Share, Save, Spend" in Lutheran Perspective by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Sermon Series at Mount Calvary

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3976>

[Images for "Share, Save, Spend" in Lutheran Perspective by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Shopocalypse by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Christ the King Sunday

Luke 23:33-43

Sho-po-ca-lypse (shah PAW kuh lips) n. The end of mankind from consumerism, over-consumption and the fires of eternal debt!

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4042>

[Images for Shopocalypse by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Christ the King Sunday Luke 23:33-43](#)

Since God Takes Care of Me by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: Luke 23:33-43

Dawn Lindberg writes a **sermon** reminding the person that they have been given a gift, Jesus Christ. It is because of this gift that we have all we need. Since we are taken care of and provided for, we can give freely to those who are in need.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4089>

[Images for Since God Takes Care of Me by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Text: Luke 23:33-43](#)

Sing a New Song of Daring by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: Mark 10:17-31

We can't buy our way into heaven. We can't earn it or deserve it. But we are a part of God's kingdom because God gives that to us as a gift. When the rich, young ruler shows up, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem to give his all. He is coming there to suffer and die on a cross so that we might live. We have the promise of an eternal relationship with God, not because of what we do, but because of what God has done for us.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4138>

[Images for Sing a New Song of Daring by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Text: Mark 10:17-31](#)

Sixty-Second Stewardship Sermons [Charles, Jr. Cloughen]

Assists pastors in developing a theology of stewardship and provides guidelines on how to construct stewardship sermons.

Includes sermons in Spanish.

<http://www.amazon.com/Sixty-Second-Stewardship-Sermons-Charles-Cloughen/dp/0814612199>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0814612199>

<http://www.deaconsil.com/catalog/product1571.html>

[Images for Charles, Jr. Cloughen, author](#)

[Images for Sixty-Second Stewardship Sermons \[Charles, Jr. Cloughen\]](#)

Speaking of Stewardship: Model Sermons on Money and Possessions [William G. Carter]

This collection of twenty-three superb model sermons offers a wealth of biblical insight, practical wisdom, illustrations, inspiration, and helpful advice about the crucial themes of stewardship, giving, and the use of money and possessions in the church. Featured are sermons by active pastors in churches large and small, as well as internationally known preaching professors Fred Craddock, Thomas Troeger, and Charles Rice.

<http://www.amazon.com/Speaking-Stewardship-Model-Sermons-Possessions/dp/0664500315>
http://books.google.com/books/about/Speaking_of_Stewardship.html?id=J63gJaghqvIC
http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=386
<https://www.amazon.com/William-G.-Carter/e/B001KHCT8S>
[Images for William G. Carter, author](#)
[Images for Speaking of Stewardship: Model Sermons on Money and Possessions \[William G. Carter\]](#)

Stewards of a Generous Master by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: Luke 16:19-31

The hope for us – and for those at the gate – is that as groundskeepers of the one who made the earth and everything in it, we will not have the rich man's difficulties hearing cries at the gate and offering the comfort of our master.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3760>

[Images for Stewards of a Generous Master by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Stewards of God's Story by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

One ELCA church, Westwood Lutheran, St. Louis Park, Minn., sees their role as building bridges between what happens on Sunday morning and the rest of the week.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4511>

[Images for Stewards of God's Story by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)

Stewardship – Children's Sermons

The following children's sermons (object lessons) illustrate aspects/truths related to stewardship.

<http://www.covchurch.org/idea-exchange/stewardship-childrens-sermons/>

[Images for Stewardship – Children's Sermons](#)

Stewardship in Times of Turmoil by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Texts: Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

This **sermon** draws its strength, in large measure, from Pastor Carlson's linking of Jesus' time of turmoil with our own. This is not usually considered a "stewardship" text. However, here, it clearly is.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4301>

[Images for Stewardship in Times of Turmoil by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary images](#)

Stewardship Lesson # 1: Give in Proportion to What God has Given You – Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary

2 Corinthians 8:1-7, Matthew 25:14-30

Pastor Obed Nelson delivers a **sermon** (in the first of a three-part series) about what it means that we share with others the first fruits of the gifts that have been given to us by God. This sermon holds great personal and reflective stories.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-lesson-1-give-in-proportion-to-what-god-has-given-you/>

[Images for Stewardship Lesson #1: Give in Proportion to What God Has Given You by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-lesson-2-trusting-the-promises-of-god/>

[Images for faith lead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-trusting-the-promises-of-god images](#)

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

[Images for faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-giving-first-fruits](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/blog/stewardship-posts/>

https://digitalcommons.luthersem.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1014&context=dmin_theses Earth Stewardship and the Missio Dei - Digital Commons @ Luther Seminary

Stewardship Sermon Illustrations, Free Preaching Ideas on Stewardship

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermon-illustrations/on-topic/stewardship?keyword=Stewardship&ref=TextIllustrationSerps>

[Images for Stewardship Sermon Illustrations, Free Preaching Ideas on Stewardship](#)

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/sermons-on-stewardship-444.asp>

[Images for sermoncentral.com/sermons-on-stewardship](#)

<http://www.sermoncentral.com/illustrations/illustrations-about-stewardship.asp>

[Images for sermoncentral.com/illustrations-about-stewardship](#)

Storage: Simplifying Our Lives by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: Luke 12:16-24 – The parable of the rich fool

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There is so much good news in this story. One piece of good news is that it is time to downsize. Another piece of good news is that it is God who is calling me to live a simplifying life. God is calling me to be a good steward of the good news of Jesus Christ. God is calling me to enjoy being more generous in serving and glorifying God and building up the body of Christ.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4078>

[Images for Storage: Simplifying Our Lives by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Text: Luke 12:16-24 – The parable of the rich fool](#)

Tangible vs. Intangible by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Texts: Isaiah 55:9, Mark 12:41-44

Perspective and Practices: A holistic, whole-life approach to stewardship includes evaluating every component of a congregation's stewardship ministry.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4155>

[Images for Perspective and Practices: A holistic, whole-life approach to stewardship includes evaluating every component of a congregation's stewardship ministry.](#)

Tear Down Your Barns and Build New Ones by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

The following **sermon** won honorable mention in the 2004 annual intern stewardship contest. The prize is designed to enrich and strengthen the practice of stewardship in the church by advocating preaching and teaching that promotes the stewardship for financial resources.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3911>

[Images for Tear Down Your Barns and Build New Ones by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

The Abundance of Our Faith: Award-Winning Sermons on Giving, Plus Suggestions for Group Discussion [Terry Sweetser, Susan Milnor]

Learn how to talk about money from the experts. Nineteen winners of the Annual Program Fund Sermon Contest, from 1984 to 2005. This unusual resource is useful for stewardship sermons, retreats, workshops, canvass presentations and group study.

Sweetser is UUA vice president for stewardship and development and Milnor has 20 years experience as a parish minister.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Abundance-Our-Faith-Award-Winning/dp/1558965165>

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1558965165>

<http://thebestbookinpdf.net/?p=353919>

<http://www.uuabookstore.org/The-Abundance-of-Our-Faith-P16902.aspx>

www.uua.org/documents/stew-dev/apf/stew_generosity.doc

https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/712945.Terry_Sweetser

[Images for Terry Sweetser, author abundance of our faith](#)

<https://www.librarything.com/author/sweetserterry>

<https://www.frssu.org/staff/susan-milnor>

[Images for Susan Milnor, author abundance of our faith](#)

[Images for The Abundance of Our Faith: Award-Winning Sermons on Giving, Plus Suggestions for Group Discussion \[Terry Sweetser, Susan Milnor\]](#)

The Great Giveaway (What does God do with it?) by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: 1 Chronicles 29:10-16

"When God gives, God gives abundantly. When God bestows, God bestows lavishly!"

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4020>

[Images for The Great Giveaway \(What does God do with it?\) by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Text: 1 Chronicles 29:10-16](#)

The Laborers in the Vineyard by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor Kurt Hoover delivers a great message and perspective of what the parable can mean for us today. Pastor Hoover speaks of realizing that we have enough to live and for us to rethink what we have our focus on within our lives. Are we saving for ourselves or are we saving for our family, friends, community?

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4080>

[Images for The Laborers in the Vineyard by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

The Meaning of Stewardship – Tony Evans Sermon - YouTube

Request the all-new Kingdom Stewardship book, the 12-part CD series, and the DVD Bible Study Kit with workbook

<https://bit.ly/2UnCm4b>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zqp4SCt3BUw>

[Images for The Meaning of Stewardship – Tony Evans Sermon - YouTube](#)

The Mind of the Steward: A Partnership with God by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: Mark 4:26-29

Perspective: "Faith growth most closely resembles organic growth and that the relationship between the farmer and his growing crops is a close parallel to our relationship with our growing faith.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=1444

[Images for The Mind of the Steward: A Partnership with God by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

The Theology of Enough by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Text: John 10:10

Core perspective: Trust God's abundance

God has blessed us with enough. The practice of this theology goes against the ideology (and idolatry) of consumerism and consumption. It goes against the competitive spirit of acquisition. It frustrates the false glory of self-importance (I am what I own, what I control).

https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?stew_redirect=resource&post=4142

[Images for The Theology of Enough by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Text: John 10:10](#)

The Widow's Example by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

March 12:38-44

The widow challenges us all to look at our faith and then give in response to God's blessings. For we need to always remember that we can never out-give God.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3757>

[Images for The Widow's Example by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary March 12:38-44](#)

2015 Assembly Sunday Sermon Bishop Richard Hoyme

I've been your bishop almost two years now, and as I have traveled around this synod and worshipped with you and sat at your tables and listened to your rostered leaders, your pastors, I hear far too many stories of congregations seeking safety. Of taking what God has entrusted to them and holding on to it, of burying it into the ground, of seeking the safety of the past instead of taking the risks of the future. I want you all to ask that question. Is your congregation a risk-taking congregation or a safety-seeking congregation? Which do you want to be? Do you believe in God? Well good for you! But as a congregation, as a community, do you trust God? Are you willing to go places where maybe you don't want to go because you are not sure what will happen? Ultimately, that is what following Jesus commands us to do. To follow Jesus, to take risks, to abandon safety, and then to know the reward that God promises us is there. Thank you for your ministry; now take the risks the future can bring!

http://www.nswi.org/webfiles/fnitools/documents/2015_transcript_bishop_assembly_sermon.pdf

[Images for take the risks the future can bring](#)

<http://www.zionlc.com/video-sermons/bishop-hoyme-sermon-on-may-17-2015>

<http://nswi.org/about-us/our-staff>

We Are on a Mission from God by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Luke 6:43-45

In this All Saints sermon, Pastor Larsen emphasizes the mission of congregation. He thanks the congregation for its faithful support in the past and tells them how they make a difference.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3848>

[Images for We Are on a Mission from God by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Luke 6:43-45](#)

We Are Rich by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Mark 10:17-31

Let's look at the conversation that this rich man has with Jesus more closely, and then we will see that this man's wealth is not the problem, until it gets in the way.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3909>

[Images for We Are Rich by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Mark 10:17-31](#)

What God Wants for Us by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Luke 11:1-13

Stewardship is the management of life with Jesus Christ as the center – it's that simple. Using the text of the Lord's Prayer to make our relationship with God red hot.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4024>

[Images for What God Wants for Us by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary Luke 11:1-13](#)

What's It All About? by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

2 Corinthians 4:7

When we build on God's generosity to us, a seed is planted, and we begin to grow to a place more in line with God's orientation.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4160>

[Images for What's It All About? by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary 2 Corinthians 4:7](#)

Where Do Good Stewardship Sermons Come From? by Tania Haber – WorkingPreacher.org

By developing a culture of stewardship, focusing on stewardship throughout the year, and growing in my understanding and practice of stewardship myself, I have found that when I sit down at the computer, much of the work is done. I cannot say the stewardship sermon exactly writes itself, but I can say that finding ways to name stewardship as an opportunity and blessing becomes not just easier, but actually enjoyable.

http://www.workingpreacher.org/sermondevelopment.aspx?article_id=273

[Images for Good Stewardship Sermons by Tania Haber](#)

https://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2-tania_haber

<http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=2098>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/blog/stewardship-posts/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-101-an-invitation-to-financial-stewardship/>

https://digitalcommons.luthersem.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1210&context=faculty_articles Stewardship 101: An Invitation to Financial Stewardship. Writers include Tania Haber.

[Images for Stewardship 101: An Invitation to Financial Stewardship. Writers include Tania Haber.](#)

Where Your Treasure Is (The Lyric of Abundance) by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Texts: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:13-21

The myth of scarcity reigns. But when I see more clearly that God provides countless leaders in sharing the Gospel, I can celebrate the goodness of God in giving to us the kingdom. Then faith becomes a treasure.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3762>

[Images for Where Your Treasure Is by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Whose Ball Is It? by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

1 John 3:17-18

When you and I acknowledge that God is the owner, there is peace and enjoyment in life. If we think it belongs to us, then we spend much of our life rationalizing, arguing, hoarding and trying to hold on to what we think is ours. Life is not enjoyed, instead life becomes chaotic.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3761>

[Images for Whose Ball Is It? by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary 1 John 3:17-18](#)

Why Tithe by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

This **sermon** lifts up the value of tithing. It includes a testimony from a lay person in the congregation.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3755>

[Images for Why Tithe by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/tag/tithing/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/tithed-tired-vs-storied-inspired/>

7) Share

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at school.

These are the things I learned:

- **Share** everything.

<http://www.peace.ca/kindergarten.htm>

[Images for All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten](#)

[Images for share everything in kindergarten](#)

Share Quotes - BrainyQuote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/share>

[Images for share quotes](#)

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/share>

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/sharing>

www.wow4u.com/sharingquotes/

www.wiseoldsayings.com/sharing-quotes/

Share Save Spend – Financial Sanity

Learn how Nathan & Share Save Spend are changing the world's perception of money.

<http://www.sharesavespend.com/>

[Images for Share Save Spend – Financial Sanity](#)

<http://www.sharesavespend.com/products>

<http://www.sharesavespend.com/blog>

Sharing the Wealth: The Church as Biblical Model for Public Policy

What is the biblical view of God's will for economic relations among his people? For an answer, we shall look at the jubilee passage in Leviticus, at the new community of Jesus' disciples, at the first church in Jerusalem, and at the Pauline collection.

<http://www.religion-online.org/showarticle.asp?title=1166>

[Images for Sharing the Wealth: The Church as Biblical Model for Public Policy](#)

The Benefits of Sharing, Helping or Giving & the Danger of Not

If some wealthy people shared their wealth we would have more than enough finances to do what we need and help others.

<http://www.truechristianity.com/christian/share.htm>

[Images for The Benefits of Sharing, Helping or Giving & the Danger of Not](#)

What Does the Bible Say About Sharing? - OpenBible.info

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/sharing>

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[Images for bible and sharing](https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-sharing.html)
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-sharing.html>
<https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/bible-verses-about-sharing/>
<http://biblereasons.com/sharing/>
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<https://www.endtime.com/blog/5-bible-verses-sharing-word-god/>

8) Steward

Characteristics of Pastoral Leadership - St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

As pastoral leaders, we have been entrusted with the responsibility and care for the parish. We are **stewards** and caretakers, not governors or legislators. As St. Mary Magdalene Parish embraces *stewardship as a way of life*, we approach our leadership role as stewards. Below are 11 important characteristics of pastoral leadership to keep in mind as we try to live out our calling to be stewards of the Church.

<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org/Leadership/pccharacteristics.htm>

[Images for Characteristics of Pastoral Leadership - St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church - stewards and caretakers](#)

Growing Stewards - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “stewardship?” Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? What about love?

The ELCA is a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life, and we have an important message to share: stewardship is about so much more than money – stewardship is about love.

That’s why the ELCA developed “Stewards of God’s” Love, a new resource you can use for doing year-round stewardship ministry in your congregation. Rooted in a holistic, biblically based approach to stewardship, “Stewards of God’s Love” challenges all Christians to reimagine the ways in which they steward God’s resources — time, talents and treasures — in response to God’s commandment to love God and our neighbors.

It is designed to equip you with themed activities, Bible verses, best practices and new ideas to ignite year-round stewardship in your congregation. It also features real-world examples of congregations and leaders from around the country who are faithful stewards not only in their worship but in all aspects of their lives.

Whether you’re new to stewardship or have been leading a committee for years, have lead a large congregation or a small worshiping community in your home, you can use this guide to renew your congregation’s stewardship ministry or simply to find a few new insights for growing stewards.

<http://www.elca.org/growingstewards>

[Images for Growing Stewards - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

[PDF] Lenten Devotional - Luther Seminary

As baptized members of the body of Christ, we gratefully confess Jesus as Lord and Savior. We boldly proclaim the gospel as the Word of God. We clearly recognize the gifts that God has first given us through grace, and we joyfully accept our role and responsibility as stewards. The following principles provide a foundation for the life of a faithful and generous **steward**.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resources/Lenten_Devotional_2012.pdf

[Images for faithful and generous steward](#)

Raising Stewards - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

What might it look like to raise stewards? Here are some things we are trying in my congregation.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/raising-stewards/>

[Images for Raising Stewards - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/can-the-church-steward-work/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/a-fresh-vision-in-stewarding/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewarding-congregational-wellness/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/blog/stewardship-posts/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-wisdom/>

Stepping Stones of the Steward: A Faith Journey through Jesus’ Parables (Faith’s Horizons) [Ronald E. Vallet]

Now thoroughly revised - with significant changes in chapters dealing with faith and money and environmental issues – Vallet’s inspirational study teaches Christians how to gain a sense of purpose, how to properly use resources, talents, and money, and how to reach out with compassion for the welfare of others and for the planet. This inspirational study takes the images of journey and steward as metaphors for the Christian’s life and uses several of Jesus’ parables as a springboard to explore various dimensions of Christian stewardship. Besides significant revisions to the text, this second edition of Stepping Stones includes a new epilogue that discusses the mission funding crisis of the church in North American and the changing views on both the church and its mission.

Thought-provoking questions and suggestions for further reflection appear at the end of each chapter and a study guide outlines ways to use the book in small-group setting.

<http://www.amazon.com/Stepping-Stones-Steward-Parables-Horizons/dp/0802808344>

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1100172.Stepping_Stones_of_the_Steward

<https://www.eerdmans.com/Products/0834/stepping-stones-of-the-steward.aspx>

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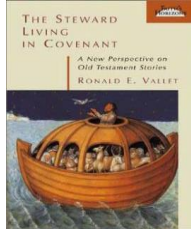
Congregations at the Crossroads: Remembering to be Households of God [Ronald E. Vallet]

The most vital question confronting the church in North America at the turn of the century is whether it can, in the face of the myriad distractions of modern society remember who it is, what it is called to do, and especially, whose it is. In this volume, Ronald Vallet explores the biblical basis for **stewardship**, with major emphasis on God's promises and commands, to help congregations become the households of God that he intends them to be.

<http://www.amazon.com/Congregations-Crossroads-Remembering-Households-God/dp/1597528757>
http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/990080.Ronald_E_Vallet
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[Images for Congregations at the Crossroads: Remembering to be Households of God \[Ronald E. Vallet\]](#)

The Steward Living in Covenant: A New Perspective on Old Testament Stories by Ronald E. Vallet (Author)

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.



<http://www.amazon.com/The-Steward-Living-Covenant-Perspective/dp/0802847277>
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<https://themelios.thegospelcoalition.org/review/the-steward-living-in-covenant/>
[Images for The Steward Living in Covenant: A New Perspective on Old Testament Stories by Ronald E. Vallet \(Author\)](#)

Stewards in the Kingdom: A Theology of Life in All Its Fullness [R. Scott Rodin]

Too often we think stewardship concerns only the money we give to the church. But in the image of the steward, the Bible offers a perspective on our entire relationship with God. Here we have a full and fresh picture of being Jesus' disciples and living life in all its fullness.

R. Scott Rodin unpacks what it means for us to be stewards in the kingdom of the triune God of grace. This theology of the abundant life, which encompasses all aspects of our world, our life and our possessions, begins, appropriately, with the very being of our gracious Creator God. From there Rodin dismantles the myth of the two kingdoms, one that is under God's control and one that is not. In so doing he crafts a portrait of faithful stewards who live as God's children in the one reality that is marked by death behind us and life ahead.

The book concludes with a discussion of the roles of church and family as stewards while providing a theology for the Christian fundraiser.

Here is a unique and much needed book on a neglected biblical theme.

<http://www.amazon.com/Stewards-Kingdom-Theology-Life-Fullness/dp/0830815767>
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http://books.google.com/books/about/Stewards_in_the_Kingdom.html?id=uo-Y7VKJegEC
<http://www.ivpress.com/cgi-ivpress/book.pl/review/code=1576>
http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=820
<https://www.amazon.com/R.-Scott-Rodin/e/B001KI876A>
http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/339777.R_Scott_Rodin
[Images for R. Scott Rodin, author](#)
[Images for Stewards in the Kingdom: A Theology of Life in All Its Fullness \[R. Scott Rodin\]](#)

Stewards Shaped by Grace: The Church's Gift to a Troubled World [Rhodes Thompson]

What is stewardship, really, and how can we better practice it? Thompson shares practical insights.

<http://www.amazon.com/Stewards-Shaped-Grace-Churchs-Troubled/dp/0827234317>

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9) Stewards of God's Mysteries

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Commentary by Matt Skinner - Working Preacher

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 4:1-5](#)

1 Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and **stewards of God's mysteries**. 2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. 4 I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. 5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

Commentary

Paul regards himself and Apollos as models or exemplars for the Corinthians (see 4:6, 15b--16); by extension, then, he declares all Christians to be in the service of another. A *hypēretēs* was a general term designating one who assisted or provided service to someone else. The word *oikonomos* usually referred to the top-ranking slave (in some cases, a freedman) in a Greco-Roman household, one typically responsible for such administrative matters as managing finances, procuring goods, and overseeing the work of other slaves. Both words imply a subordinate role, and Paul understands them specifically to indicate service provided in relationship to Christ and "God's mysteries" (by this he means what God has disclosed, generally speaking, through Christ and the message of the gospel; see 2:1, 7; 13:2; 14:2; 15:51).

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"Stewards of God's Mysteries, Leaders for the World" by Mark Teasdale

Aus Lecture: "Stewards of God's Mysteries, Leaders for the World" by Mark Teasdale, E. Stanley Jones Associate Professor of Evangelism at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary; delivered Thurs., July 26, at the 2018 Rethinking Stewardship conference at Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minn.

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Stewards of God's Mysteries: Priestly Spirituality in a Changing Church by Paul Philibert OP (Author)

Priests are stewards of God's mysteries. They teach these mysteries as merciful revelation, celebrate them in the liturgy, invoke them as healing and pardon, and above all, live them as the deepest meaning of their own lives. But it is one mystery—the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ—that shapes and sustains priests' spiritual lives.

Stewards of God's Mysteries considers how priests participate in the dying and rising of their Lord through challenges and joys that are rooted in our changing culture, in the growing diversity of our Catholic world, and in the demands of their own ministry.

Designed as a study text addressing the life of both diocesan and religious clergy, these pages contain reflection questions for priests and clergy study groups to help them experience deeper joy in their lives and ministry.

Chapters include "The Cultural Context for Ordained Ministry Today," "Christ's Priesthood Lived Through the Paschal Mystery,"

"The Shape of Ordained Ministry Today," "Transformation Through Discipleship," "The Practices of the Spiritual Life," and "A Fresh Call to Renewal."

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Stewards of God's Mysteries - Word & World - Luther Seminary

Are a church's people "members"? "Disciples"? In the following article, Rolf Jacobson says calling them "stewards of God's mysteries" would better reflect the biblical picture of church membership.

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10) Stewardship

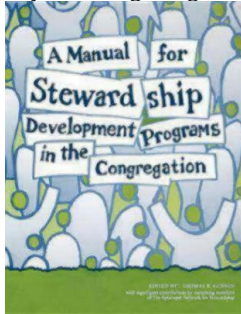
A Call to Stewardship - Stewardship Central

Materialism is so widely accepted in our society that it can almost seem normal. It's even considered okay to go into debt to attain a higher standard of living than you can actually afford. It's just how our world works today.

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A Manual for Stewardship Development Programs in the Congregation by Thomas R. Gossen (Author), Lonnie Schreiber (Author)

This practical manual guides churches through a year-long stewardship program. Covers the fundamentals of building a successful program -- from teaching Christian stewardship to hosting creative, successful commitment events. Filled with useful advice and how-to sections on topics ranging from recruiting and training leaders, to charting progress. Offers a complete overview of The Joyful Giving Program for stewardship.



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A Plan for Stewardship Education and Development through the Year [The Rev. David W. Gordon]

Help your congregation develop a deeper understanding of stewardship that goes well beyond the traditional function of supporting the church financially. With this comprehensive manual, you'll learn how to plan and implement a year-round stewardship focus that involves more members in the life of the church community. Includes instructions for educating the congregation on the mission and ministry of the church and developing a long-range plan, plus useful tips and resources for organizing stewardship events, and forms for charting progress throughout the year. A "must read" for any congregation that wants to move beyond a once-a-year focus on Christian stewardship.

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Afire with God: Spirit-Ed Stewardship for a New Century (Equipping the Future Church) [Betsy Schwarzentraub]

Congregations are called to see themselves as communities of stewards called to a dynamic, spirited stewardship of the gospel that overturns institution-oriented fundraising methods and assumptions. Helps church leaders apply the biblical foundation for stewardship in their personal lives and in the life of the congregation.

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Assessing Congregation Vitality through the Lens of Stewardship

Rose Ann Vita and Bill Cruse

This workshop will introduce participants to Holy Currencies and the Cycle of Blessings (drawing upon the curriculum designed by The Rev. Dr. Eric H. F. Law and the Kaleidoscope Institute) that enables an innovative approach to stewardship. This approach empowers local congregations to expand their vision of stewardship beyond money to include the currencies of relationship, truth, wellness, gracious leadership, time and place. When used in congregations in transition, through asset mapping and gracious leadership development, it enables a congregation to discern where it is now and discover a missional and sustainable vision for its future.

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Becoming a Blessed Church: Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence, and Power [N. Graham Standish Pastor spiritual director and counselor]

Pastor and author N. Graham Standish describes how a church that is open to God's purpose, presence, and power can claim God's blessing. Standish shares the story of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania, and its journey to become a spiritually deep congregation, one that is inwardly and outwardly healthy: spiritually, psychologically, physically, and relationally. *Becoming a Blessed Church* will help you discern God's purpose and the path God is calling your congregation to walk. This book will help you find Christ in your midst and become aware of the many ways the blessings of God's Spirit flow through your congregation.

Appendix C: Discerning God's Purpose for the Church
Appendix D: Discerning Direction for a Particular Issue
Appendix E: A Prayerful Process for Discerning Committee Budgets
Appendix F: All-Committee Budgeting Process
Appendix G: Guiding Members to Give
Appendix H: Sample **Stewardship** Materials

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Best Practices in Parish Stewardship [Charles E. Zech]

Based on a survey of stewardship parishes across the country, this is the most comprehensive analysis of both financial and non-financial stewardship activities ever published. Author Charles E. Zech explores more than just the impact of stewardship on parish income he also analyzes time and talent contributions, measuring everything from volunteer activity to Mass attendance to outreach programs like prison ministries or soup kitchen sponsorship. Activities that have a direct impact on stewardship, including community building endeavors, financial accountability and transparency, and parish communications are also examined. Get ideas, confirmation, and results by understanding what works and doesn't work at stewardship parishes across the country. Every parish can benefit from this insightful study and learn how to approach stewardship in exciting, productive, and faith-building ways.



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Beyond Fundraising: The Complete Guide to Congregational Stewardship [Wayne B. Clark]

Clear blueprint for successful fundraising that moves beyond the myth of scarcity toward the reality of abundance.

Beyond Fundraising moves congregations from a myth of scarcity to a culture that welcomes, and even expects, a focus on the reality of abundance. Clark suggests that we diminish our emphasis on money by putting fundraising under the umbrella of spiritual stewardship. *Beyond Fundraising* introduces a new and comprehensive stewardship development program called Forward

Through the Ages (FORTH) that puts money in perspective by making it one of five components of stewardship development: stewardship education; joyful giving; ministry and good works; annual budget drive; and planned giving.

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Finding the perfect stewardship program for your congregation can be challenging. Consider designing your own with this menu of ideas and resources.

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Everything belongs to God: In word and works, Jesus teaches the value of wholistic stewardship - The Lutheran Magazine

Jesus used scenes and stories taken from the lives of his hearers and looked at them through the penetrating lens of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jesus helped people to see that God's values and priorities were different from those of the empire and, sometimes, from those of the temple. He taught that first-and-foremost, everything belongs to God.

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- What must we give up?
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- Guard the treasure
- Homeless Jesus finds a place
- Permanently poor

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[PDF]Financial Stewardship: Myths and Principles | The Parish Paper

The Bottom Line

Stifle the inclination to introduce giving appeals with statements such as, "I wish we didn't have to talk about money, but"

Instead, make statements such as, "Our annual stewardship campaign is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the spiritual connection between generous giving and becoming rich toward God."

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Foundations for Stewardship - New Covenant Presbyterian Church

"Christian stewardship begins with the awareness of God. It is that simple. If we are aware of God, we realize that there is a higher priority in life. Higher than life itself. Higher than ourselves. When we are aware of God, we finally realize that everything belongs to God."

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From Proclamation to Practice: A Unique African American Approach to Stewardship [Clifford A. Jones]

Built on the strength and importance of preaching in African American congregations, this resource combines sermons by today's best-known black preachers with a practical "how-to" section, providing the essential elements for putting their insights into practice.

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Good news of stewardship: New Testament has a lot to say about it, as well as generous giving - The Lutheran Magazine

What is a steward? Stewards are caretakers who live in a place that is not their own. They are allowed to make full use of the owner's property in exchange for taking good care of it.

In the New Testament, Jesus tells many parables that liken human beings to stewards ([Matthew 21:33-43](#); [24:45-51](#); [25:14-30](#); cf. [Luke 16:1-10](#)). Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. Jesus says we should remember that we are stewards, not owners, and we should take good care of what God has entrusted to us: our planet, our families, our physical bodies, our time, our money. We practice "good stewardship" when we view all these things as gifts from God to be used responsibly.

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Gotta Have It!: It's a Stewardship Thing (Lifewise) by Bob De Vries

The newest additions to the LifeWise series combine the leader's guide and reproducible student handouts into one convenient book! We'll also be making some of the previous titles available in this new format on a selective basis.

If your teens are begging for more interesting Bible study topics that they can use in real life, try the LifeWise series! With only four sessions per course, you can choose a new topic every month.

No matter which study you choose, you can be sure that through a healthy discussion of life issues your high schoolers will learn how to make choices rooted in God's Word.

Money is king in today's materialistic society. Discover how coveting possessions affects us every day -- and how our lifestyle choices and practices can reflect our Christian commitment.

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[PDF] Living Stewardship: A Lifelong Journey booklet1.pub by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

Stewardship is often likened to a three-legged stool, with the three legs being time, talents, and treasures. However, I would add three more legs: body, mind, and spirit. Gifts of treasures are arguably the easiest to give – simply write a check or drop a bill into the collection plate. It is often much harder to give of ourselves – time, talent, body, mind, and spirit. However, unless we give freely of all six elements, can we really claim to understand stewardship?

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More Than Money: Portraits of Transformative Stewardship (Money, Faith and Lifestyle) [Patrick H. McNamara]

Is stewardship past its prime as a motivating vision for ministry? A social scientist, McNamara tells the stories of 11 mainline congregations where stewardship is the animating force that has transformed them into vital centers for mission. Church leaders who question whether stewardship education is worthwhile will be encouraged and inspired by these accounts of promising practices.

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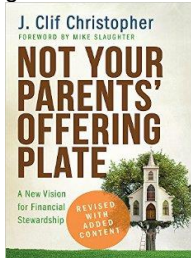
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Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship [J. Clif Christopher]

Hearing a young attorney speak of the faith-based reasons for which he had just made a substantial monetary gift to a community youth center, Cliff Christopher asked the speaker if he would consider making a similar contribution to the congregation of which he was an active member. "Lord no, they wouldn't know what to do with it" was the answer.

That, in a nutshell, describes the problem churches are facing in their stewardship efforts, says Christopher. Unlike leading nonprofit agencies and institutions, we too often fail to convince potential givers that their gifts will have *impact* and *significance*. In this book, Christopher lays out the main reasons for this failure to capture the imagination of potential givers, including our frequent failure *simply to ask*.

Written with the needs of pastors and stewardship teams in mind, *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate* provides immediate, practical guidance to all who seek to help God's people be better stewards of their resources.



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Whose Offering Plate Is It? New Strategies for Financial Stewardship by J. Clif Christopher (Author)

In *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate*, Clif Christopher challenged churches and pastors to take a lesson from the leaders of not-for-profit organizations: if you want people to give to your church, first offer them a compelling vision of the good that their giving will accomplish. The book encouraged an entire culture change for many in the Christian community in how they viewed the offering plate. It also unleashed a barrage of questions on specifically how to create this new culture while maintaining the foundations of one's faith tradition and mission.

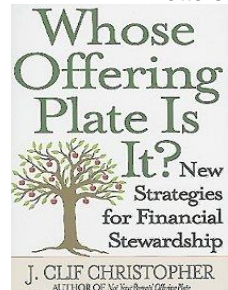
In this sequel, Christopher responds to these questions in the same forthright manner that he originally laid forth his propositions. He offers simple, strategic advice on such difficult questions as:

"Exactly how do I go about gaining access to the donor records when my church has prohibited it for a hundred years?"

"How do I explain a meeting with just those who are strong givers without alienating those who are not?"

"How can we advocate online giving without encouraging some to abuse their credit cards?"

"What should letters to different giving constituencies look like?"



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Now what? Stewardship is for all ages: Putting money in the offering plate teaches children to share with others [The Lutheran

Q: It's stewardship month in our congregation and everyone is thinking about their financial pledges for the upcoming year. Should we have our children contribute too?

A: Encouraging your children to put money in the offering plate teaches them to share with others.

Explain to your kids that contributing money to your congregation helps the church share God's love in a variety of ways, such as providing clothes and food to people in need.

Give small children a few coins to add to the Sunday offering. For older children, the message of sharing takes on an even deeper meaning when they give a portion of their own money from allowances, odd jobs or part-time work. Ask your church leaders about providing envelopes just for them.

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<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

Proven Resources for Stewardship Promotion by Allan J. Weenink (Author)

It's no secret that because stewardship is often viewed as little more than a euphemism for discussing money and budget matters, it's an uncomfortable topic for many in the ministry. But Allan Weenink makes no apology for his zealous approach to stewardship - he believes that the spiritual dimension is just as important as the financial, and that cultivating the grace of generosity is vital for Christian ministry. Drawn from countless workshops and seminars conducted during Weenink's years as a stewardship consultant, this book provides a wealth of proven "hands-on" material that will help you develop an effective stewardship model. It's a practical ministry resource that will yield bountiful dividends!

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Revolutionizing Christian Stewardship for the 21st Century: Lessons from Copernicus [Dan R. Dick]

Dan Dick calls us to reorient ourselves in relationship to God and God's church and in our thinking about Christian stewardship.

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[PDF]SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP - Amazon AWS

Understood as seasons of stewardship the church's liturgical year can show how "all times are God's seasons." Along with the lectionary and Sunday bulletin themes, the church year can motivate year-round stewardship growth and commitment, restoring "giving" to its rightful place at the heart of all seasons of Christian experience.

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[Images for SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP](#)

[Images for church year can motivate year-round stewardship](#)

Seven Financial Stewardship Principles for Churches – XPastor®

In the same way that individuals are accountable for how they invest the resources God has given them, churches and ministries are responsible for how they steward the gifts that come into their storehouse.

<https://www.xpastor.org/finance/budgets/seven-financial-stewardship-principles-for-churches/>

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<https://www.gracechapel.org/im-new/beliefs/white-papers/biblical-principles-on-financial-stewardship-white-paper/>

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<http://www.ecfa.org/Content/Biblical-Principles-for-Stewardship-and-Fundraising-CHURCH>

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17 Ways to Boost Stewardship in 2017 | Voices on Stewardship

Let me suggest 17 ways you can effectively respond to this new giving climate and boost stewardship in your church in 2017:

<http://www.voicesonstewardship.com/17-ways-to-boost-stewardship/>
[Images for 17 Ways to Boost Stewardship in 2017 | Voices on Stewardship](#)

Sophia & stewardship: Follow-up: In this Delaware congregation they go together - The Lutheran Magazine

When *The Lutheran* first reported on [Community Lutheran Church](#), Frankford, Del., leaders expected that a two-year stewardship education program they started this year would raise members' understanding of giving, which would hopefully increase pledges and bail out the budget (April, "[Resurrected](#)"). But leaders didn't expect that members would be introduced to, and embrace, *Sophia*.

http://www.thelutheran.org/article/article.cfm?article_id=9531

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Step by step: Fostering financial stewardship in your congregation [Michael Meier]

This book is a gem for pastors and lay leaders looking for a general overview of stewardship practice and theology! It is written in a 17-step format for pastors and lay leaders to build a solid commitment among their members to financially support their church. Includes a bonus section on the theology of stewardship that can help leaders and members discover lives of meaning and purpose.

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<http://resources.elca.org/Products-Stewardship.html>

<http://semnsynod.org/for-congregations/stewardship/resources/congregational-leadership/>

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Stewarding God's gifts together by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

God's people coming together and using their gifts together makes for good stewardship and powerful worship. This video explores how this is happening in a youth worship experience in the Twin Cities.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4208>

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Stewardshift: An Economia for Congregational Change: Bob Sitz

The collective groan that greets stewardship campaigns in most churches can be quelled. This book offers theoretical and practical propositions by which lay and clergy leaders can ensure the sustainability of stewardship ministries to help their congregations flourish. Bob Sitz invites stewardship leaders into a broader conversation of how shifted biblical and secular stewardship concepts, practice, and identity can be incorporated into a congregation's life and help bring about lasting change.

The book has two sections: Part 1, Scriptural Stewardshifts, reinterprets familiar biblical passages on stewardship, introduces new ones, and helps congregations expand their use of the Bible in their life and stewardship work. Part 2, Secular Stewardshifts, examines the resources that are available to congregations from the "continuing revelation" that is occurring in the secular world, including brain science, financial planning, philanthropy, community organizing, and other areas. The book is written in a friendly style, with reflection questions, so-what moments, and engaging sidebars.

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Stewardship

What do you do about stewardship here?

Do you do an annual campaign?

What else do you have for stewardship?

How often does your Stewardship Committee talk to the congregation?

How often does your pastor preach about money?

Comprehensive Ministry Review. Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson. Assistant to the Bishop. Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.

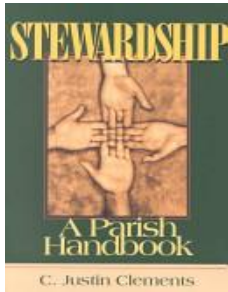
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Stewardship: A Parish Handbook [C. Clements]

Make stewardship a way of life in your parish with the most comprehensive single guide ever published for parishes, diocesan leaders, and lay ministers involved in developing and implementing local-level stewardship programs. *Stewardship: A Parish Handbook* also includes an extensive list of stewardship references and resources, and an appendix of sample materials for parish use.



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[Images for C. Clements, author stewardship](#)

[Images for Stewardship: A Parish Handbook \[C. Clements\]](#)

[DOC] stewardship and generosity resources – Unitarian Universalist Association

Offers a wide variety of books on congregation financial planning, stewardship, annual canvass, environmental stewardship, generosity and giving for all ages.

https://www.uua.org/documents/stew-dev/apf/stew_generosity.doc

[Images for stewardship and generosity resources – Unitarian Universalist Association](#)

<https://www.pinterest.com/murray4la/stewardship-and-generosity/>

Stewardship and Simple Thinking - Alban Institute

Something about stewardship campaigns inspires simplistic thinking even in leaders who, on other subjects, are quite capable of grappling with ambiguity.

<https://alban.org/archive/stewardship-and-simple-thinking/>

[Images for Stewardship and Simple Thinking – Alban Institute](#)

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<http://danhotchkiss.com/publications/> 2012. "Stewardship: Suffering a 'Sea-Change.'" Researched by DH and written by the Congregational Resource Guide staff. <http://danhotchkiss.com/contact-dan/>

<https://alban.org/archive/the-stewardship-of-risk/>

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

Author John Reumann, now deceased, was a professor of New Testament Studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Reumann was intrigued by the concept of Christian stewardship from his student days through his educational career. As he notes in his introduction, the book represents "forty years of attention to the Greek word family that gives us 'steward' and 'stewardship' in the New Testament and subsequent Christian usage." Not only does the book explore past understandings of stewardship, but also gives theological insights into the role of stewardship in relation to the present and future church.

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stewardship Archives - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/blog/stewardship-posts/>

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Stewardship Basics in a Rural Setting - Stewardship of Life

Stewardship in rural church settings demands that leaders understand the rhythm and flow of life in the rural community.

<https://www.stewardshipoflife.org/2014/11/stewardship-basics-in-a-rural-setting/>

[Images for Stewardship Basics in a Rural Setting - Stewardship of Life](#)

Stewardship Catch Phrases by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

This article allows the reader to reflect upon their own congregation and think about the stewardship message that is being given from the congregation. This reflection is not only for those who hear the stewardship message for the first time but also for the people who speak the message, to remind them of the basis and meaning of being a steward.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=1395

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Stewardship for Vital Congregations (Congregational Vitality series) by Anthony B. Robinson (Author)

Would you like to learn how your congregation can create a culture of giving and generosity that changes lives and supports the mission and ministry of the church with adequate financial resources? Lay leaders, clergypersons, and members of your congregation's stewardship program will appreciate and benefit from Stewardship for Vital Congregations. It provides practical tools to help congregations engage in the spiritual practice of Christian stewardship and become part of its mission and ministry. Theologically and biblically informed, it offers particular strategies and how-to's relating to money and giving, and includes questions for reflection, discussion, and action in each chapter.

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<https://www.uccresources.com/products/stewardship-for-vital-congregations-robinson>

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<http://www.umc.org/how-we-serve/vital-congregations-reaching-your-goals>

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Stewardship in a Small Congregation by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

A pastor who does not talk about stewardship and even about tithing and then lets his or her congregation die a premature death is committing malpractice.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4109>

[Images for Stewardship in a Small Congregation by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Stewardship in African-American Churches: A New Paradigm [Melvin Amerson]

When the church embraces the responsibility of living as faith managers of God's vast resources [as Psalm 24:1 teaches], the community of faith will prosper. So begins this practical and theological study of stewardship, both in the context of the African-American church tradition and beyond. After all, a systematic approach to stewardship undergirds the ministry and mission of the church universal. As an experienced stewardship consultant, Amerson draws upon his experience to help churches develop a theology of generosity; define stewardship leadership roles; celebrate the offering each week; and establish endowment giving. While recognizing still-relevant traditions, he also points to newer tactics and strategies convenient to both members and congregations - including electronic giving, contribution statements, and year-end giving. A highlight of the book is Amerson's explanation of the development of a narrative budget/narrative spending plan. He also writes about stewardship education at multiple levels. This book is a solid resource for financial stewardship education. "Melvin Amerson offers a great gift to the church," writes one reviewer. "His experience, insight, and knowledge will help move the church beyond the neglect this topic sometimes receives."



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<http://www.gbod.org/lead-your-church/stewardship/resource/quatable-quotes-from-stewardship-in-african-american-churches-a-new-paradigm>

<http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/PopupLectionaryReading.asp?LRID=289>

<https://www.tmf-fdn.org/representatives/meet-your-area-representative/rev-melvin-amerson/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/melvin-amerson-24640935>

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[Images for Stewardship in African-American Churches: A New Paradigm \[Melvin Amerson\]](#)

Stewardship Is a Faith Issue by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Five images of stewardship

1. Cross
2. Baptism
3. Bible
4. Half Full Glass
5. A Very Beautifully Wrapped Gift

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[PDF] Stewardship Is More Than Money—It's Your Life

In one of Jack Benny's most memorable comedy routines, a thief accosted him, demanding: "Your money or your life!" After a typically long pause, and at the insistence of the hold-up man, Benny finally responded testily: "I'm thinking, I'm thinking!" At the beginning of the third millennium, the intersection of money and life remains a key concern for Christians. Like Jack Benny, we're thinking, we're thinking. We believe that the two terms belong in the same sentence, especially when it comes to Christian stewardship. For stewardship is more than money—it's your life!

<http://www.sdsynod.org/images/stories/Stewardship%20Is%20More%20Than%20Money.pdf>

[Images for Stewardship Is More Than Money—It's Your Life](#)

Stewardship - Lower Susquehanna Synod

A stewardship ministry built on biblical principles and planned in a commonsense, even-handed manner can break down the barriers and cultivate a culture of generosity. These resources can help!

<https://www.lss-elca.org/faith-formation/stewardship/>

[Images for Stewardship - Lower Susquehanna Synod](#)

Stewardship Ministry with Retired People (Part 1) - Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary

In this post, I will reflect on three assumptions I've heard regarding retired people and giving. In the next email, I will suggest some strategies for more effective stewardship ministry with adults over 65.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-ministry-with-retired-people-part-1/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-ministry-with-retired-people-part-2/>

[Images for Stewardship Ministry with Retired People - Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary](#)

Stewardship - NC Synod ELCA

The vision of the Stewardship Table (task group) is to invest, inspire, and equip steward leaders and congregations, creating a culture of generosity for the sake of God's mission. Our mission is to create a culture of generosity in the NC Synod.

<https://nclutheran.org/congregations/stewardship/>

[Images for Stewardship - NC Synod ELCA](#)

Stewardship - Northern Illinois Synod

Below you will find some stewardship response resources to assist you in planning your congregation's stewardship response emphasis. These resources are well-written response programs that intentionally provide a way to invite members to grow in their giving and share their gifts for ministry.

<http://nisynod.org/stewardship/>

[Images for Stewardship - Northern Illinois Synod](#)

Stewardship: Nurturing Generous Living by Betsy Schwarzentraub General Board of Discipleship

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.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Guidelines-Stewardship-Nurturing-Generous-Living/dp/1426736398>

<http://www.cosumc.org/clientimages/52258/stewardship.pdf> [PDF] Stewardship - Congress Street United Methodist Church

<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/nurturing-generous-living>

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/becoming-generous>

<http://ycumf.org/betsy/betsy.html>

<http://generousstewards.com/>

<https://generousstewards.wordpress.com/>

[Images for BETSY SCHWARZENTRAUB](#)

[Images for Stewardship: Nurturing Generous Living by Betsy Schwarzentraub General Board of Discipleship](#)

Stewardship Quotes - BrainyQuote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/stewardship>

[Images for stewardship quotes](#)

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/stewardship>

<http://www.brethren.org/stewardship/documents/stewardship-quotes.pdf>

<http://christianstewardshipnetwork.com/stewardship-ministry/christian-stewardship-quotes/>

<http://ministry127.com/resources/illustration/stewardship-quotes>

Stewardship Resources - New Jersey Synod

This page shows the different resources for Stewardship.

<http://www.njsynod.org/stewardship-cso4>

[Images for Stewardship Resources - New Jersey Synod](#)

<http://www.njsynod.org/stewardship-ccp8>

<http://www.njsynod.org/stewardshiptoolbelt>

<http://www.njsynod.org/financial-stewardship>

<https://www.facebook.com/njsynodstewardship/>

<http://www.njsynod.org/get-started>

<http://www.njsynod.org/ministry-transitions> Leader Support- Stewardship - NJ Synod

[Images for Stewardship Resources - NJ Synod](#)

Stewardship Resources - NORTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD

Stewardship Programs

Stewardship Tools

Stewardship Events

For Children, Youth & Families

Books and Articles

<http://www.neiasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Stewardship-Resources-2014.pdf>

[Images for Stewardship Resources – Northeastern Iowa Synod](#)

Stewardship Resources – Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

We wish to share the following ideas, resources, and practices to assist communities of faith and followers of Jesus within those communities of faith to deepen their joy in discipleship through practices of good stewardship of all of God's gifts so that all may have life and have life abundantly.

<http://nwmnsynod.org/resources/stewardship-resources/>

[Images for Stewardship Resources – Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA](#)

<http://nwmnsynod.org/resource-type/stewardship/>

<http://nwmnsynod.org/resources/resources-for-stewardship/>

<http://nwmnsynod.org/resources/resources-for-stewardship-ministry/>

<http://nwmnsynod.org/event/embracing-stewardship/>

Stewardship - South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

As ELCA Lutherans, we faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Stewardship is so much more than money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love God and love our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes.

<http://www.scsw-elca.org/stewardship.aspx>

[Images for Stewardship - South-Central Synod of Wisconsin](#)

Stewardship Strategies: Sermons, Letters, and Strategies for Promoting Biblical Stewardship [Stan Toler]

Stewardship Strategies is the resource to use for the implementation of stewardship programs in the church. As a part of LifeStream Resources, *Stewardship Strategies* provides creative tools and ideas for effectively challenging your church to give all. Sermons included in this kit address all aspects of Christian stewardship. Letters for the pastor to send to his congregation or to people in the community, as well as a section on capital stewardship contains proven strategies and plans of action for developing major fundraising campaigns in the local church. Letters and capital stewardship sections are also available on floppy disk, making it easier than ever to access information and design strategies to meet specific needs. All the materials are completely reproducible, so you can make as many copies as you need. With these practical and effective products in hand, you can implement a plan for giving that will prove invaluable to your local church.

<http://www.amazon.com/Stewardship-Strategies-Sermons-Promoting-Biblical/dp/0834117436>

https://books.google.com/books/about/Stewardship_Strategies.html?id=eWUDPQAACAAJ

http://books.google.com/books?id=eWUDPQAACAAJ&source=gbs_book_similarbooks

<http://www.stantoler.com/>

<https://www.stantoler.com/stan-toler-free-resources/the-importance-of-a-stewardship-series/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stan_Toler

<http://www.nazarene.org/organization/board-general-superintendents/gs-emeriti/dr-stan-toler>

<https://www.facebook.com/DrStanToler/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Stan-Toler/e/B001HCX8L8>

https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/29613.Stan_Toler

[Images for Stan Toler, author](#)

[Images for Stewardship Strategies: Sermons, Letters, and Strategies for Promoting Biblical Stewardship \[Stan Toler\]](#)

Stewardship Study – The Apostles' Creed by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Professor Mary Jane Haemig provides a study on stewardship using the Apostles' Creed. Using Luther's meaning of the creed, Professor Haemig then began to engage the person in understanding how stewardship can be lived out within one's daily life. This is a three-part series in which each of the three articles of the Apostles' Creed will be examined.

https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?stew_redirect=resource&post=4110

[Images for Stewardship Study – The Apostles' Creed by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.asp?resource_id=1335 Stewardship Study: The Apostles' Creed Unit 2

https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.asp?resource_id=1336 Stewardship Study: The Apostles' Creed Unit 3

https://www.luthersem.edu/faculty/fac_home.aspx?contact_id=mhaemig

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/category/286576/By-Heart>

Stewardship Wisdom - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

We asked several excellent stewardship leaders what counsel they would offer to seminary graduates who will soon be called upon to provide financial stewardship guidance in their new congregational settings.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/stewardship-wisdom/>

[Images for Stewardship Wisdom - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary](#)

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/good-counsel-for-first-call-pastors/>

www.stewardshipoflife.org/2015/05/good-counsel-for-first-call-pastors/

<https://www.luthersem.edu/news/2007/09/06/jerry-hoffman-named-director-of-center-for-stewardship-leadership/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/what-me-a-stewardship-leader/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/catherine-malotky-a5b6022a>

Stewardship - YouTube

transforming generosity

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

[Images for Stewardship - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmKuMJyiPZg> Taryn Montgomery - stewardCast 2017 – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syypnxc8Qv0> What is Stewardship? - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joISgXzP-ik> Stewardship (The Water Parable) - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_pgnC6ORjY Stewardship: a way of life - YouTube

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

[Images for PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKwwM1Gz-WI> Stewardship 101 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXeb0q3GDfs> Cheerful Giver | Stewardship & Tithing - YouTube

[Images for Stewardship & Tithing](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqcQuNNgZyI> What is STEWARDSHIP? What does STEWARDSHIP mean? - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMtd7r5jd8Y> "My Money" Stewardship Video - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMZuuJVNXU> Principles of Good Stewardship - YouTube

[Images for Principles of Good Stewardship](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHluteKTQy0> Made for Stewardship – Timothy Keller [Sermon] - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvVrY_SF0hY Stewardship - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDM7jOop2b4&feature=youtu.be> Steven Oelschlager - stewardCast 2017 – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ac-1UwZYB4&feature=youtu.be> Building a Stewardship House - YouTube

Success in Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

We experience success in our stewardship by being faithful, not necessarily by being successful. For more than 20 years as a foundation president, minister and a parent, Meisel has learned many best stewardship practices. He will also bring new ideas to share.

<http://www.luthersem.edu/rethinking/stewardship/conversations.aspx>

[Images for Success in Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

<http://www.bonner.org/wayne-meisel>

Talking Straight About Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

"Many pastors are uncomfortable talking straight about stewardship with the people of their congregations whether it be in new member classes, adult education, worship, or private conversation. The result is that countless numbers of people never have the opportunity to experience the joy of giving."

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.asp?resource_id=121

[Images for Talking Straight About Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Ten Financial Stewardship Tips

By Herb Miller. *The Parish Paper*. May 2003. Volume Ten, Number Eleven. 3805 94th Place, Lubbock, Texas 79423 or

HrbMiller@aol.com <http://www.theparishpaper.com/back-issue-index> Back Issue Index | The Parish Paper

[Images for Ten Financial Stewardship Tips By Herb Miller.](#)

The Big Book of Presbyterian Stewardship by Elaine W. Barnett (Author), Laura S. Gordon (Author), Margaret A. Hendrix (Author).

The Big Book of Presbyterian Stewardship deals in a practical, clear, easy-to-understand manner with the full extent of financial issues that face a church. With a comprehensive scope, this book offers a fresh perspective and fun ideas for people who may not have any financial background or experience. Most chapters feature questions for discussion that make *The Big Book of Presbyterian Stewardship* useful for study by stewardship committees or as a planning guide for stewardship campaigns. The final section includes a helpful collection of inventories, charts, sample plans, and other practical resources.

<http://www.amazon.com/Big-Book-Presbyterian-Stewardship/dp/0664501575>
<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=0664501575>
http://books.google.com/books/about/The_Big_Book_of_Presbyterian_Stewardship.html?id=R0O5VJ7kOq8C
[The Big Book of Presbyterian Stewardship - Google Books Result](#)
<http://www.presbycc.org/library/stewardshipresources.htm>
<https://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com/Author/Default.aspx?AuthorId=25385>
<http://www.pcusastore.com/Author/Default.aspx?AuthorId=64959>
[Images for Elaine W. Barnett \(Author\) presbyterian stewardship](#)
[Images for Laura S. Gordon \(Author\)](#)
[Images for Margaret A. Hendrix \(Author\) presbyterian stewardship](#)
[Images for The Big Book of Presbyterian Stewardship by Elaine W. Barnett \(Author\), Laura S. Gordon \(Author\), Margaret A. Hendrix \(Author\)](#)

The Joy of Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

The Rev. Darrel Peterson has a 10-point list of stewardship topics.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4515>
[Images for The Joy of Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary The Rev. Darrel Peterson](#)
<http://www.lsga.org/blog/lsgs-2014-heroes-the-rev-darrel-and-mary-peterson>

The 9.5 Theses of Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

Author Gary Moore, investment adviser and founder of The Financial University, has written an article that helps us reflect on the Reformation period by highlighting a document that's meaning and intent sometimes gets forgotten. In his article *9.5 Theses*, Gary highlights some of the challenges along with the opportunities that we have when dealing with the dollar in everyday life.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4141>
[Images for Images for The 9.5 Theses of Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)
[Images for Author Gary Moore, investment adviser and founder of The Financial University](#)
<http://www.financialseminary.org/>
<http://www.christiannewswire.com/news/594607249.html> Economic Advisor Gary Moore Re-envision Stewardship

"The Passion of the Christ" and Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary

The Passion of the Christ provides a visual starting point to Clarence Stoughton's famous quote "Stewardship is everything we do after we say 'I believe.'"

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4156>
[Images for "The Passion of the Christ" and Stewardship by Center for Stewardship Leaders - Luther Seminary](#)
<http://www.divinerevelations.info/passionofchristpictures.htm>
<https://www.pinterest.com/edreger/the-passion-of-christ/>

The 33 Laws of Stewardship: Principles for a Life of True Fulfillment [Dave Sutherland]

All too often the word Stewardship is given a very narrow definition, focusing only on the management of money. It is so much more than that.

Stewardship encompasses virtually every part of life. It is the wise, purposeful management of all that we have and all that we are. To understand stewardship is to grasp the essence of life's meaning. To practice stewardship is to fulfill that meaning in a way that pleases God and satisfies the most profound human longings.

There are timeless principles of stewardship—Laws established in God's character and expressed in His Word. This book is about those Laws. It's an exploration of things that really matter, things eternal.

These are truths with genuine power—a transcendent power that can transform the way we think, the way we plan, the way we act. Explore them. Meditate on them. Dare to put them into practice. They can change your life.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Laws-Stewardship-Principles-Fulfillment/dp/0971582815>
https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/302931.The_33_Laws_of_Stewardship
<https://archive.org/details/33lawsofstewards00dave>
<https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermon-illustrations/73993/laws-of-stewardship-sowing-and-by-sermoncentral>
[Images for stewardship wise, purposeful management](#)
[Images for Dave Sutherland, author laws of stewardship](#)
[Images for The 33 Laws of Stewardship: Principles for a Life of True Fulfillment \[Dave Sutherland\]](#)

36 best Stewardship images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/4lpi/stewardship/>
[Images for Stewardship pinterest](#)
<https://www.pinterest.com/stewardshipuk/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/sinbad51/stewardship-theme-ideas/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/iliketoseestuff/inspiration-stewardship/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/mlIn/stewardship/>
https://www.pinterest.com/jana_brunk/stewardship/
<https://www.pinterest.com/NEIASynod/stewardship/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/cwinghart/stewardship/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/biblical-stewardship/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/myCCCU/stewardship-scriptures/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/danikacooley/teaching-stewardship/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/discoverforest/conservation-stewardship/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/birkbeckd/stewardship-ideas/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/kbilly06/annual-giving-stewardship/>
<https://www.pinterest.com/ghearnburg/stewardship-ideas-for-church/>

Understanding the Dynamics of Faith | Stewardship of Life

If stewardship is really a faith issue, how do we understand the dynamics of faith? How many people were in worship with you last Sunday? Did they all hear the same sermon? Yes, everyone probably heard the same sermon, but it was probably interpreted or understood differently by each person. Why? While this may be attributed to different educational background and life experiences, it may best be explained by the different places each person is in their faith journey.

<http://www.stewardshipoflife.org/2010/03/understanding-the-dynamics-of-faith/>

[Images for Understanding the Dynamics of Faith | Stewardship of Life](#)

Vibrant Faith in the Congregation - Store - Milestones Ministry

Chapter 5 **Stewardship**

<http://store.milestonesministry.org/product-p/vfitc.htm>

[Images for Vibrant Faith in the Congregation - Store - Milestones Ministry Chapter 5 Stewardship](#)

What the Global Church Can Teach Us About Stewardship – Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary

The congregation before me reclined on the blankets instead of pews, talked loud instead of using a PA system and handed out no bulletins announcing the order of worship.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/what-the-global-church-can-teach-us-about-stewardship-part-1/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/what-the-global-church-can-teach-us-about-stewardship-part-2/>

[Images for What the Global Church Can Teach Us About Stewardship – Faith+Lead – Luther Seminary](#)

What We Do » Stewardship - Metropolitan Chicago Synod

A Vision for Mission Support in our Congregations

Through our Stewardship Vision & Plan, the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA is passionately and joyfully sharing God's gifts with its congregations, communities, and members. Learn more about our Vision & Plan for stewardship, and find resources, and programs for, and training for mission support with your congregation.

<http://www.mcselca.org/what/stewardship/>

[Images for Stewardship - Metropolitan Chicago Synod](#)

11) Temple Talk

Stewardship temple talk by Laura Pride - YouTube

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Of Smithfield

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6a8KZzZ7q4>

[Images for stewardship temple talk - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ykHJ8J2okg> 2017 Stewardship Temple Talk - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSnDzGxYVhk> Stewardship Temple Talk 10-16-2016 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6beyran5RM> Stewardship Temple Talk - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmDAaHmGoM> October 4, 2015 Stewardship Temple Talk - John Rustwick - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUzmkwRy9RM> Stewardship Talk by Stavroula Gurguliatos - YouTube

Stewardship Temple Talks | Grace First Lutheran Church

As part of our Annual Stewardship Campaign, temple talks were given by members of the congregation. What follows is the actual text of their talks.

<http://gracefirstlutheran.org/miscellaneous/2013-temple-talks/>

[Images for Stewardship Temple Talks](#)

<http://www.unitedinfaith.org/stewtempletalks.html>

http://www.peacelutheranlc.com/html/temple_talks.html

Temple Talk on Commitment – Luther Seminary

Jane remembers her father's commitment to his church and how he poured himself into helping build a new building when she was a child. She views this as an opportunity to share her blessings.

http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=963

[Images for Temple Talk on Commitment – Luther Seminary](#)

Temple Talks - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

Powerful temple talks occur when a respected member of the congregation speaks during a worship service conveying a spiritual message on how God has been present in their lives and how that has led to generosity. Temple talks of this nature have literally been the key to significant changes in attitudes and behavior for whole congregations.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/temple-talks/>

12) Thank Offering

Planning a Thankoffering service - Women of the ELCA

Women of the ELCA Thankofferings support the total outreach of the organization. It is appropriate to invite the entire congregation to participate in this service. Encourage everyone to give a gift so that we may continue the ministry efforts of women. [Find out more.](#)

<https://www.womenofthelca.org/blog/daily-grace/planning-thankoffering-service>
https://www.womenofthelca.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Thankoffering_2017.pdf
<https://www.womenofthelca.org/ministry-action/stewardship>
[Images for Thankoffering service - Women of the ELCA](#)

Special Thank Offering by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

I wonder what would happen in our congregations if someone came to their pastor and requested a special thank offering? What if they were young and thankful? How many folks would get out of their pew and join them? Would you?

<http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=4056>
[Images for Special Thank Offering by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

Thank offering Definition and Meaning - Bible Dictionary

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/thank-offering/>
<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Thank-offering>
[Images for bible and thank offering](#)
<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/7476-thank-offering>
<https://www.christianity.com/bible/dictionary.php?dict=sbd&id=4261> Thank offering - Smith's Bible Dictionary - Bible Dictionary
<http://biblehub.com/topical/t/thank-offering.htm>
<https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/703/how-did-the-thanksgiving-offering-work>

Thank offering - Wikipedia

The thank offering (Hebrew: תודה, pronounced Todah) or sacrifice of thanksgiving (Hebrew zevakh hatodah זֶבַח הַתּוֹדָה) was an optional offering under the Law of Moses. This is also termed the "thanksgiving offering."

If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

— Lev 7:12 [KJV](#)

The Hebrew noun *todah* "thanksgiving" is derived from the [Hiphil](#) of the verb *yadah* (יָדָה) "to praise."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thank_offering
[Images for thank offering](#)

13) Theology

A Theology for Christian Stewardship [T. A. Kantonen]

"From the doctrine of creation, we derive the concepts of God's sovereignty and our trusteeship and responsibility. From the doctrine of redemption, we derive our insight into the grace which restores sinners into fellowship with God and awakens the gratitude, joy, and love which motivates us to give our lives to our Redeemer. From the doctrine of sanctification, we derive our understanding of the living faith which, drawing upon God's resources, bears fruit in obedience and dedicated service. Faith in God the Creator establishes evangelism and stewardship as God's work. Faith in God the Redeemer establishes the basis on which sinful people can do God's work. Faith in God the Sanctifier consecrates us to the doing of this work." -T. A. Kantonen

<http://www.amazon.com/Theology-Christian-Stewardship-T-Kantonen/dp/1579108172>
<http://www.stewardshipoflife.org/2016/04/free-ebook-a-theology-for-christian-stewardship/>
<http://int.sagepub.com/content/11/3/376.1.extract>
<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/a-theology-for-christian-stewardship/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taito_Kantonen
<http://wipfandstock.com/author/view/detail/id/8945/>
https://www.amazon.com/Books-T-Kantonen/s?ie=UTF8&page=1&rh=n%3A283155%2Cp_27%3AT.%20A.%20Kantonen
[Images for T. A. Kantonen](#)
[Images for A Theology for Christian Stewardship \[T. A. Kantonen\]](#)

Crafting a Theology of Stewardship (and why your church needs one) by Joel Mikell (Author), Ben Stroup (Editor)

Crafting a Theology of Stewardship is a call to the local church to re-visit and re-think their beliefs and practices in the area of stewardship, generosity, money, and giving and then to re-calibrate and re-cast those beliefs based on the teaching of scripture. In this eBook, Joel Mikell lays out seven perspectives that should be at the heart of a theology of stewardship and presents five significant value propositions that will result. Joel also suggests a step-by-step strategy for creating a written document that articulates a theology of stewardship for the church and provides several examples to guide the process. The last section lists twenty helpful resources in the areas of stewardship, giving, and generosity.

A carefully articulated and defined theology of stewardship should be the foundation and compass for all things financial in the

church. If it is done biblically, prayerfully, and methodically, it will educate, empower, encourage, instruct, challenge, grow, affirm, and guide you and your church in the journey to create a culture of extraordinary giving and extravagant generosity.

<http://www.amazon.com/Crafting-Theology-Stewardship-church-needs-ebook/dp/B00CMER2W6>

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/19296426-crafting-a-theology-of-stewardship>

<http://www.rsistewardship.com/joel-mikells-7-elements-of-a-theology-of-stewardship/>

<http://www.rsistewardship.com/crafting-a-theology-of-stewardship/>

<http://www.rsistewardship.com/8-steps-to-create-a-theology-of-stewardship-for-your-church/>

<http://www.voicesonstewardship.com/resources-follow-relationships/?rel=author>

<http://thecrg.org/resources/crafting-a-theology-of-stewardship>

<http://www.rsistewardship.com/joel-mikell/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Joel-Mikell/e/B00J2JIPV6>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/7289330.Joel_Mikell

[Images for Joel Mikell \(Author\)](#)

<http://www.horizons.net/author/joel-mikell/>

<http://www.horizons.net/team/joel-mikell/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/joelmikell>

<https://rsichurchsolutions.com/resources/blog/joel-mikell-recognized-with-church-executives-good-steward-award-for-fundraising-excellence/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/benstroup>

<https://benstroup.com/about>

<https://www.amazon.com/Ben-Stroup/e/B00J2JISMC>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/list/3271055.Ben_Stroup

[Images for Ben Stroup, author stewardship](#)

[Images for Crafting a Theology of Stewardship \(and why your church needs one\) by Joel Mikell \(Author\), Ben Stroup \(Editor\)](#)

Stewardship (theology) - Wikipedia

Stewardship is a [theological](#) belief that humans are responsible for the [world](#), and should take care of it. Believers in stewardship are usually people who believe in one God who created the universe and all that is within it, also believing that they must take care of creation and look after it. Creation includes animals and the environment. Many religions and denominations have various degrees of support for [environmental stewardship](#). ^[*citation needed*] It can have political implications, such as in [Christian Democracy](#). Many moderate and [progressive Roman Catholics](#), [Orthodox Christians](#), and [Evangelical Protestants](#) see some form of [environmentalism](#) as a consequence of stewardship. In [Jewish](#), Christian and Muslim traditions, stewardship refers to the way time, talents, material possessions, or wealth are used or given for the service of [God](#).

Some [pagan](#) or secular views include a [Gaia philosophy](#) which accepts the Earth as a holy being or goddess.

The Jewish holiday of [Tu B'Shvat](#), or "the New Year of the Trees," ([Rosh Hashanah](#) La-Ilanot") is also known as [Jewish Arbor Day](#).

Some want to expand it to a more global environmental focus.^[1]

A biblical [world view](#) of stewardship can be consciously defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation."^[2] The central essence of biblical world view stewardship is managing everything God brings into the believer's life in a manner that honors God and impacts eternity.

Stewardship begins and ends with the understanding of God's ownership of all:

- "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." ([Revelation 22:13](#))
- "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." ([Psalm 24:1](#))
- "To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it." ([Deuteronomy 10:14](#))
- "The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants." ([Leviticus 25:23](#))
- "Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything under heaven belongs to me." ([Job 41:11](#))

Stewardship is further supported and sustained theologically on the understanding of God's holiness as found in such verse as: [Genesis 1:2^{\[1-2\]}](#), [Psalm 104](#), [Psalm 113](#), 1 [Chronicles 29:10-20](#), [Colossians 1:16](#), and [Revelation 1:8](#).

There is a strong link between stewardship and environmentalism. What does it mean for humans 'to take care of the world'?

Environmental stewardship is typically thought of as entailing reducing human impacts into the natural world. However, philosopher Neil Paul Cummins claims that humans have a special stewardship role on the planet because through their technology humans are able to save life from otherwise certain elimination. This is a modern-day interpretation of [Noah's Ark](#), the cornerstone of human stewardship being technological protection and regulation.^[3]

Christian Stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed. God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption and sanctification. Increasingly this has referred to environmental protectionism. This also includes traditional Christian Ministries that share the resources of treasure, time and talent.^[4]

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stewardship_\(theology\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stewardship_(theology))

[Images for Stewardship \(theology\)](#)

The Theology of Stewardship in Light of Orthodox Tradition [Paul Wesche]

The author, an OCA priest with a Ph.D. in Patristics from Fordham University, maintains that stewardship begins with the Trinity and the awesome mysteries God has entrusted to us. We are stewards of the image of God in us. We are stewards of the love of God the Father and the grace of God the Son and the fellowship of God the Holy Spirit. Such stewardship has profound implications practically in the stewardship of our time, talents and possessions. Excellent as a study text for young adults and adults.

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[PDF] Theology of Stewardship

By Bishop Robert Morneau
Overview of Stewardship

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<http://www.cccr-cpny.org/content.cfm?id=350> Christ Community Reformed Church | Theology of Stewardship

14) Thrift

Encouraging Thrift Makes Economic Cents - Christian Finances

Some of the most famous sayings of Benjamin Franklin stress thrift -- and the foolishness of wasteful spending. "A penny saved is a penny earned" is perhaps the most famous, but there are others, such as "Buy what thou hast no need of, and e'er long thou shalt sell thy necessities" and "He that goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing." The other founding fathers also emphasized the importance of good character is sustaining a representative democracy. And thrift is clearly a crucial aspect of good character.

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46 Bible verses about Thrift

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www.quotationcollection.com/tag/thrift/quotes
www.stresslesscountry.com/thrift-quotes/
<https://www.tumblr.com/tagged/thrift-quotes>
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Thrift - Wikipedia

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- [Thrifty \(disambiguation\)](#)
- [Affluenza](#)
- [Anti-consumerism](#)
- [Conspicuous consumption](#)
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- [Mottainai](#)
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[Images for thrift](#)

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Thrifty Theology: Continuing Education Without Crushing Costs

Book Reviews by Pastor Diane Norstad, Faith Lutheran, Balsam Lake



This week in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin – ELCA Week of May 3, 2015

<http://myemail.constantcontact.com/News-from-the-Northwest-Synod-of-Wisconsin.html?soid=1101126434512&aid=WgOryJLjDfA>

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15) Time

Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time [Dorothy C. Bass]

In this spirituality of time, Dorothy Bass invites readers into a way of living in time that is alert to both contemporary pressures and rooted ancient wisdom. The celebrated editor of *Practicing Our Faith* asks hard questions about how our injurious attitude toward time has distorted our relationships with our innermost selves, with other people, with the natural world, and with God.

As an alternative to the rhetoric of management and mastery, *Receiving the Day* offers a language of attention, poetry, and celebration. Bass encourages us to reevaluate our understanding of the temporal and thereby to participate fully in the Christian practice of knowing time as God's gift. Embraced in this way, time need not be wrestled with each day. Instead, time becomes the habitation of blessing.

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[Images for Dorothy C. Bass, author](#)

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Stewardship of Our Time

As a good steward, you must manage your time wisely. Let me suggest a way to accomplish this task that Christians seldom consider today - tithing your time.

<http://www.cru.org/train-and-grow/10-basic-steps/8-giving.4.html>

[Images for Stewardship Of Time](#)

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<http://www.mairangichurch.org.nz/?sid=531> Wise Stewards of Our Time - Mairangi Bay Community Church – Stewardship 5

Stewardship of Time (Stewardship Starters Series) [Stan Toler]

There's simply too much to do, too many meetings to attend, too many responsibilities at church, too many deadlines to meet at the office. While many believers have mastered the proper stewardship of their finances, they are enslaved by a lifestyle of biting off more than they can chew. The proper management of time has become a lofty aspiration that never seems attainable. In this small book, well-known leadership speaker and author Stan Toler approaches stewardship and time through an assortment of inspirational quotes from Scripture and the leading thinkers of the present and the past. The inspirational, motivational quotes are interspersed with practical tips for getting a handle on your schedule and taking charge of your time, one of your most precious possessions that can either make or break your effectiveness. Stewardship of Time helps you turn the tide toward greater time efficiency and enhanced peace of mind.

<http://www.amazon.com/Stewardship-Of-Time-Starters-Series/dp/0834117479>

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<http://www.nazarene.org/organization/board-general-superintendents/gs-emeriti/dr-stan-toler>

<https://www.overdrive.com/creators/79383/stan-toler>

<https://www.facebook.com/DrStanToler/>

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[Images for Stan Toler, author](#)

[Images for Stewardship of Time \(Stewardship Starters Series\) \[Stan Toler\]](#)

[Images for Stewardship Starters Series](#)

Stewardship of Time - YouTube

Week Four of our six-part series on Stewardship focuses on how we as a congregation are called to be Stewards of our Time. To waste our time is to waste ourselves. God calls us to intimately engage with Him and provides deep and meaningful interaction through prayer, scriptures, silence, and worship.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XrRyOwBLq4> Stewardship- Time - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhzznoncdqI> Stewardship of Time - Is Time The Most Valuable Thing You Steward? - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LchlygUS9fI> Stewardship - Time - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhnVYPMP0eY> Sermon: 11-4-07 - Stewardship of Time- Rev. Dr. Peter J. Spiro - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcQWU6xovbM> Use It or Lose it- Stewardship Use your time wisely - YouTube

Time Quotes - BrainyQuote

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<http://awakenthegreatnesswithin.com/35-inspirational-quotes-time/>

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<http://www.wow4u.com/time/>

<https://daringtolivefully.com/time-quotes>

Time - Wikipedia

Time is the indefinite continued [progress](#) of [existence](#) and [events](#) that occur in apparently [irreversible](#) succession from the [past](#) through the [present](#) to the [future](#).^{[1][2][3]} Time is a component quantity of various [measurements](#) used to [sequence](#) events, to compare the duration of events or the intervals between them, and to [quantify rates of change](#) of [quantities](#) in [material reality](#) or in the [conscious experience](#).^{[4][5][6][7]} Time is often referred to as a fourth [dimension](#), along with [three spatial](#) dimensions.^[8] Time has long been an important subject of study in religion, philosophy, and science, but defining it in a manner applicable to all fields without [circularity](#) has consistently eluded scholars.^{[2][6][7][9][10][11]} Nevertheless, diverse fields such as business, industry, sports, the sciences, and the [performing arts](#) all incorporate some notion of time into their respective [measuring systems](#).^{[12][13][14]}

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

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[Images for time](#)

To Everything a Season: A Spirituality of Time [Bonnie B. Thurston]

Rediscover the Christian understanding of time as God's sacred and bountiful gift. A main selection of the Spiritual Book Associates.

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16) Values

Mission, Vision, and Values | Ecumenical Stewardship Center

Values

The Ecumenical Stewardship Center lives out its mission and vision with a view of ecumenism as God's gift, and with actions that are generous, collaborative, innovative, and prophetic.

<https://stewardshipresources.org/mission-vision-and-values>
[Images for Mission, Vision, and Values](#)

Our Mission, Vision & Values - Land Stewardship Project

At the core of all our work are the values of stewardship, justice and democracy.

<http://landstewardshipproject.org/about/mission>
[Images for values of stewardship, justice and democracy](#)

Post Core Stewardship Values on Website - Faith+Lead

One of our presenters for the Center's stewardship course, Money and the Mission of the Church, shared a great suggestion for a congregation's website. These are some core values you may wish to include.

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/post-core-stewardship-values-on-website/>
[Images for Post Core Stewardship Values on Website - Faith+Lead](#)

Values unpacked - Stewardship

generosity
relationship
integrity
excellence

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/about-us/our-values>
[Images for Values unpacked - Stewardship generosity relationship integrity excellence](#)

Vision and Values: To Practice Stewardship | Esther De Wolde

The corporate value I want to write about today is: the practice of stewardship.

Stewardship is a lovely old word. Its dictionary definition is the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving.

<https://blog.phantomscreens.com/2013/02/08/vision-and-values-to-practice-stewardship/>
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17) Wealth

A Biblical Overview of Money and Wealth | United Church of God

The Scriptures we have just reviewed show that money is neutral—neither good nor bad. Our *attitude* toward it, however, is important. Money tests our allegiance; it makes apparent whether we are committed to God or to our possessions. At best, money is a tool we use for important purposes. In the next chapter, we will see that Christ taught that a Christian has financial obligations—to God and fellow man.

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Christian views on poverty and wealth - Wikipedia

At one end of the spectrum is a view which casts wealth and materialism as an evil to be avoided and even combatted. At the other end is a view which casts prosperity and well-being as a blessing from God. Some Christians argue that a proper understanding of Christian teachings on wealth and poverty needs to take a larger view where the accumulation of wealth is not the central focus of one's life but rather a resource to foster the "good life".^[3] Professor [David W. Miller](#) has constructed a three-part rubric which

presents three prevalent attitudes among Protestants towards wealth. According to this rubric, Protestants have variously viewed wealth as: (1) an offense to the Christian faith (2) an obstacle to faith and (3) the outcome of faith.^[4]

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[Images for Christian views on poverty and wealth](#)

If I Were a Rich Man (song) - Wikipedia

"If I Were a Rich Man" is a popular song from the 1964 musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. It was written by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock. The song is performed by Tevye, the main character in the musical, and reflects his dreams of glory.

The title is inspired by a 1902 monologue by Sholem Aleichem in Yiddish, *Ven ikh bin Rothschild* (If I were a Rothschild),^[1] a reference to the **wealth** of the Rothschild family, although the content is quite different. The lyric is based in part on passages from Sholem Aleichem's 1899 short story "The Bubble Bursts." Both stories appeared in English in the 1949 collection of stories *Tevye's Daughters*.^[2]



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/If_I_Were_a_Rich_Man_\(song\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/If_I_Were_a_Rich_Man_(song))

[Images for If I Were a Rich Man \(song\)](#)

On "The Gospel of Wealth" - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

In stewardship circles, among the historical writings referenced from time to time is Andrew Carnegie's essay, "The Gospel of Wealth." In today's post, I highlight the paradoxes in the text, a piece that is at the same time vexing, brilliant, beautiful, and dangerous. What might "The Gospel of Wealth," written over 125 years ago, teach us about faith and giving today?

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[Images for On "The Gospel of Wealth" - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary](#)

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The Ransom of the Soul: Afterlife and Wealth in Early Western Christianity by Peter Brown (Author)

Marking a departure in our understanding of Christian views of the afterlife from 250 to 650 CE, *The Ransom of the Soul* explores a revolutionary shift in thinking about the fate of the soul that occurred around the time of Rome's fall. Peter Brown describes how this shift transformed the Church's institutional relationship to money and set the stage for its domination of medieval society in the West.

Early Christian doctrine held that the living and the dead, as equally sinful beings, needed each other in order to achieve redemption. The devotional intercessions of the living could tip the balance between heaven and hell for the deceased. In the third century, money began to play a decisive role in these practices, as wealthy Christians took ever more elaborate steps to protect their own souls and the souls of their loved ones in the afterlife. They secured privileged burial sites and made lavish donations to churches. By the seventh century, Europe was dotted with richly endowed monasteries and funerary chapels displaying in marble splendor the Christian devotion of the wealthy dead.

In response to the growing influence of money, Church doctrine concerning the afterlife evolved from speculation to firm reality, and personal wealth in the pursuit of redemption led to extraordinary feats of architecture and acts of generosity. But it also prompted stormy debates about money's proper use—debates that resonated through the centuries and kept alive the fundamental question of how heaven and earth could be joined by human agency.

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<https://merovingianworld.wordpress.com/2015/07/18/a-review-of-peter-browns-ransom-of-the-soul-2015/>

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<https://vimeo.com/125158810> Peter Brown & Helmut Reimitz in Conversation — The Ransom of the Soul
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[Images for The Ransom of the Soul: Afterlife and Wealth in Early Western Christianity by Peter Brown \(Author\)](#)

Wealth as Peril and Obligation: The New Testament on Possessions [Sondra Ely Wheeler]

Demonstrates that Scripture can both form and inform contemporary thinking on wealth issues. Wheeler provides a careful interpretation of key New Testament texts. The result is a practical, biblical statement on wealth and ownership that can help Christians and Churches come to grip with the economic ethical issues of the day.

This painstaking study of the New Testament helps bring clarity to one of the great ethical dilemmas of the modern church--the moral status of wealth and possessions in relation to Christian faith.

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<https://www.cambridgesat.com/bookstore/wealth-as-peril-and-obligation-the-new-testament-on-possessions/080280733X/>
<https://www.cokesbury.com/Forms/productdetail.aspx?pid=479521>
<https://www.eerdmans.com/Products/0733/wealth-as-peril-and-obligation.aspx>
<https://www.amazon.com/Sondra-Ely-Wheeler/e/B001IZV75S>
https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/264609.Sondra_Ely_Wheeler
[Images for Sondra Ely Wheeler, author](#)
[Images for wealth as peril and obligation](#)
[Images for New Testament on Possessions](#)

Wealth from A Christian Perspective

God does not measure our faithfulness to him by what is on our W-2's. What matters is:

<https://tifwe.org/wealth-from-a-christian-perspective/>
[Images for Wealth from A Christian Perspective](#)
<https://tifwe.org/is-productivity-moral/>
<https://tifwe.org/are-christians-living-to-consume/>
<https://tifwe.org/the-myth-of-the-zero-sum-game/>

Wealth Quotes - BrainyQuote

<https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/wealth>
[Images for wealth quotes](#)
<https://www.christianquotes.info/quotes-by-topic/quotes-about-wealth/>
<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/wealth>
<https://www.forbes.com/quotes/theme/wealth/>
<https://www.positivityblog.com/quotes-on-wealth-and-money/>
www.behappy101.com/money-and-wealth-quotes.html
<https://www.shmoop.com/pride-and-prejudice/wealth-quotes.html>
www.wiseoldsayings.com/wealth-quotes/
www.notable-quotes.com/w/wealth_quotes.html
<https://boardofwisdom.com/togo/?viewid=1005&listname=Wealth>
www.wow4u.com/wealth/
<https://movemequotes.com/tag/wealth-quotes/>
www.mindmovies.com/blogroll/30-motivational-quotes-that-inspire-wealth-prosperity
<https://www.lifehack.org/articles/money/40-powerful-quotes-that-will-inspire-your-mind-for-true-wealth.html>
<https://quotescover.com/topics/wealth>
<https://www.pinterest.com/movemequotes/wealth-quotes/>

Wealth - Wikipedia

Wealth is the [abundance](#) of [valuable financial assets](#) or [physical possessions](#) which can be converted into a form that can be used for [transactions](#). This includes the core meaning as held in the originating old English word *weal*, which is from an [Indo-European](#) word stem.^[2] The modern concept of wealth is of significance in all areas of [economics](#), and clearly so for [growth economics](#) and [development economics](#), yet the meaning of wealth is context-dependent. An individual possessing a substantial net worth is known as *wealthy*. Net worth is defined as the current value of one's assets less liabilities (excluding the principal in trust accounts).^[3]

At the most general level, economists may define wealth as "anything of value" that captures both the subjective nature of the idea and the idea that it is not a fixed or static concept. Various definitions and concepts of wealth have been asserted by various individuals and in different contexts.^[4] Defining wealth can be a [normative](#) process with various [ethical](#) implications, since often

wealth maximization is seen as a goal or is thought to be a normative principle of its own.^{[5][6]} A **community**, region or country that possesses an abundance of such possessions or resources to the benefit of the common good is known as wealthy.



Gold, considered to be the "gold standard" of wealth

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

<https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wealth>

[Images for wealth](#)

What Does the Bible Say About Obtaining Wealth? - OpenBible.info

https://www.openbible.info/topics/obtaining_wealth

[Images for bible and wealth](#)

<https://www.crosswalk.com/blogs/christian-trends/what-does-the-bible-actually-say-about-wealth.html>

http://www.christianbiblereference.org/faq_money.htm

<http://www.compellingtruth.org/Christians-wealth.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/wealth-Christian.html>

<http://www.gbm.org.uk/literature/PDF/jamweb-14.PDF> [PDF] Wealth has dangers James 5:1-6

<https://www.stewardshipcentral.org/posts/dave-ramsey-explains-the-biblical-principles-of-wealth-and-money>

<https://www.probe.org/wealth-and-poverty/>

[Images for Wealth and Poverty - A Biblical Perspective](#)

<http://www.gotquestions.org/wealth-Christian.html>

<http://www.equip.org/audio/a-biblical-view-of-wealth/>

[Images for Biblical View of Wealth](#)

<http://www.usefulbible.com/revelation/dangers-of-wealth.htm>

<https://www.theologyofwork.org/key-topics/provision-wealth>

<http://www.generouschurch.com/wealth-accumulation>

<http://www.christiantruthcenter.com/getting-money-riches-and-wealth-great-dangers>

[Images for getting money riches wealth great dangers](#)

18) Websites

Celebrate Generosity

This site celebrates the generosity of God as well as the generosity of God's people. While generosity is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in the New Testament, it is also one that can be cultivated. We can give our way into generosity. This site is designed to assist pastors, congregations, and organizations in their stewardship ministry. It is my firm conviction that: **Prayer + Gratitude = Generosity** All stewardship programs I lead strongly emphasize the role of prayer, gratitude and generosity.

<http://eugenegrimm.com/>

[Images for Celebrate Generosity](#)

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Celebrate_Generosity.pdf

Center for Faith and Giving

The Center for Faith and Giving is committed to understanding and proclaiming the biblical and theological witness as it speaks to the church about stewardship. We desire to help the whole church understand stewardship as a spiritual discipline, utilizing and creating materials that teach and advance the practice of stewardship with theological integrity.

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

[Images for Center for Faith and Giving](#)

Center for Stewardship Leaders - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

The Center for Stewardship Leaders encourages congregational leaders as stewards, tells congregational success stories and gives you powerful communications tools to lift up our call to stewardship in God's world.

<http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/>

[Images for Center for Stewardship Leaders - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary](#)

Complete Stewardship Programs - Parish Publishing

To focus a congregation on commitment.

Our programs include all the necessary resources to run a successful campaign that focuses on committing time, talent and treasure. Programs culminate on "Commitment Sunday" when people turn in their commitment forms. All core resources are available online at the [Parish Resource Center](#) and can be downloaded right to your computer for easy customization! Programs are either 100% downloadable, or have coordinated, professionally printed materials available separately.

<http://www.parishpublishing.org/programs.asp>
[Images for Complete Stewardship Programs – Parish Publishing](#)

Crown Financial Ministries > Home

Vision

Share Truth, Deliver Hope, Advance Transformation.

Mission

We equip servant leaders to live by God's design for their finances, work and life ... to advance transformation.

Core Values

Passionately serve the customer

Relentless pursuit of excellence

Christ-centered in all we do

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

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

[Images for Crown Financial Ministries](#)

Ecumenical Stewardship Center – A Network for Growing Stewards

As a *Network for Growing Stewards*, the Ecumenical Stewardship Center connects, inspires, and equips Christian steward leaders to transform church communities through a vital relationship with a generous God and in fellowship with today's church - gathered, outreach and scattered. The Ecumenical Stewardship Center lives out its mission with a generous, prophetic, innovative, and collaborative vision and values. ESC has supported the stewardship ministries of congregations and denominations for decades. With roots in the United Stewardship Council of the Christian Church in the United States and Canada and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA that reach back to the early part of the twentieth century, ESC was formed as a separate not-for-profit organization and became a related movement of the NCCC in 1980. It was established to provide learning and teaching opportunities in Christian stewardship for theological educators, students, pastors, laity and stewardship professionals.

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

[Images for Ecumenical Stewardship Center – A Network for Growing Stewards](#)

<https://stewardshipresources.org/resources/theme-materials>

<https://stewardshipresources.org/resources/giving-magazine>

<https://stewardshipresources.org/resources/sample-packets>

ELCA Mission Investment Fund: Home

The Mission Investment Fund is a financial ministry of the ELCA, offering church building loans funded by investments –of congregations and their members.

When you invest with the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) you help strengthen the ministry of our church, even as you save for the future. That's because we use the money you invest to fund building and renovation loans for ELCA congregations and ministries. Not only do your investments earn you a great rate of return, they replace sagging church roofs, expand Sunday school classrooms, and build brand new church buildings from the ground up. Plus, as an MIF investor, you can rest assured knowing that in the nearly 100-year history of MIF and its predecessors, no one has ever lost a penny on one of our investments.

Why borrow with us? MIF specializes in church building projects, so we understand the unique needs of congregations and ministries. Our church building consultants help guide you through the planning, building, and financing process, free of charge. And our green services help you build in ways that care for creation. But the most beautiful part of borrowing with MIF is knowing that the interest you pay on your loan helps fund the loans of other ELCA congregations, so that they can share God's love, too.

<http://www.mif.elca.org/>

[Images for Mission Investment Fund: A Financial Ministry of the ELCA](#)

Encouraging Giving and Generosity | Parish Resources

Encouraging giving in a parish can be feel daunting, but it need not be so. Some simple tasks can set the right climate for people to review their giving and levels of generosity. When these are done well, a number of important objectives are achieved. Church members then:

connect their giving with their faith, seeing their giving as a response to the giving of a generous God.

understand that their giving enables mission and ministry, rather than simply paying the bills.

feel that they, and their gifts, are valued by the church

<http://www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/>

[Images for Encouraging Giving and Generosity | Parish Resources](#)

Faith Aflame – Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The purpose of this Web site is to provide resources for congregations as they elevate (make stewardship a high priority) and enlarge (see stewardship as all of life) stewardship among their members. Faith Aflame is a congregational process designed to change the stewardship culture. To help those interested in the process we are introducing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section on this web site. These questions will assist in describing how a congregation can be involved in this new and exciting stewardship opportunity.

The vision for stewardship in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is that the stewardship culture in every congregation would be one where every professional church worker, every man, women, and child would know that they are God's steward by His grace, live as His disciples, and manage the gifts He entrusts to them with joy and generosity—all so that His purposes would be accomplished, and His mission enhanced.

Christian stewardship is defined as the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

<http://faithaflame.lcms.org/>

[Images for Faith Aflame – Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod](#)

Faith Inkubators - stewardship

Invites an intergenerational experience and provides an opportunity for all ages to grow as good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures. This resource is a tool to introduce a holistic approach to Stewardship in the congregation. The theme set includes four to six weeks of materials for learning and worship with a home connection.

<http://www.faithink.com/Inkubators/stewardship.asp>

[Images for Faith Inkubators - stewardship](#)

Financial Peace University | DaveRamsey.com

Let Financial Expert Dave Ramsey show you how to dump debt, budget, build wealth and give like never before!

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu>

[Images for Financial Peace University | DaveRamsey.com](#)

Generous Giving and Member Stewardship | Thrivent Choice

With Thrivent Choice®, you can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. Since 2010, eligible members have used this program to direct more than \$225 million to churches and nonprofits nationwide.

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

[Images for Generous Giving and Member Stewardship | Thrivent Choice](#)

Generous Giving – Who We Are

We are committed to spreading the Biblical message of generosity.

http://www.generousgiving.org/About_Us

[Images for Generous Giving](#)

Global Rich List

Didn't make it onto the yearly roll call of the mega-wealthy? Why not find out where you'd actually sit in comparison to the rest of the world? You might be surprised.

<http://www.globalrichlist.com/>

[Images for Global Rich List website](#)

Good Sense Movement

Good Sense Movement encourages financial freedom through advanced, user-friendly resources and training.

<http://goodsensemovement.org/>

[Images for Good Sense Movement](#)

Lake Institute on Faith & Giving

Lake Institute on Faith & Giving fosters a greater understanding of the ways in which faith both inspires and informs giving by providing knowledge, education, and training.

Lake Institute: Institutes: Lilly Family School of Philanthropy: Indianapolis, Indiana

<https://philanthropy.iupui.edu/institutes/lake-institute/>

[Images for Lake Institute: Institutes: Lilly Family School of Philanthropy: Indianapolis, Indiana Lake Institute on Faith & Giving](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/lakeinstitute/>

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/can-fundraising-be-a-calling/>

PCUSA Stewardship Manual - Presbyterian Foundation

This manual, with special emphasis on the annual financial stewardship program, will help pastors, sessions, and stewardship committees as they plan for the financial health of the congregation.

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/stewardship-manual/>

[Images for PCUSA Stewardship Manual - Presbyterian Foundation](#)

Stewardship - Discipleship Ministries

Generosity is a matter of action, intentions, and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. Outpouring is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship and life that go with it) comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living upon others.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/stewardship-ministry>

[Images for Stewardship - Discipleship Ministries](#)

Stewardship - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA

ELCA stewardship resources for personal and congregational use, including themed material, leader networks and tools to grow giving and Mission Support.

www.ELCA.org/stewardship

Stewardship Ministry - Willow Creek Community Church

Willow's Stewardship Ministry offers a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment on the journey to becoming financially free.

<http://www.willowcreek.org/stewardship>

[Images for Stewardship Ministry - Willow Creek Community Church](#)

Stewardship of Life Institute

The Stewardship of Life Institute, founded in 1994, is headquartered at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, located in historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Institute's mission is to serve stewardship in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through its seminaries.

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

[Images for Stewardship of Life Institute](#)

Stewardship Resources - United Church of Christ - UCC.org

<http://www.ucc.org/stewardship/stewardship-resources/>

[Images for Stewardship Resources - United Church of Christ](#)

Stewardship Starters [Stan Toler]

The great theologian John Wesley once wrote: 'Make all you can, save all you can, and give all you can!' Convincing a congregation of the importance of 'making' and 'saving' has never been difficult. It's in the 'giving' that pastors and church leaders alike find the challenge. Stewardship Starters is a book designed to assist church leaders in sharing the primary biblical principles of Christian stewardship. Use this resource wisely, and a significant deepening of commitment to biblical stewardship will result.

<http://www.amazon.com/Stewardship-Starters-Stan-Toler/dp/0834116553>

<https://www.amazon.com/Stan-Toler/e/B001HCX8L8>

https://www.goodreads.com/author/list/29613.Stan_Toler

[Images for Stan Toler, author stewardship starters](#)

[Images for Stewardship Starters \[Stan Toler\]](#)

Synod Resource Center - Stewardship

<http://synodresourcecenter.org/stew/>

[Images for Synod Resource Center - Stewardship](#)

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship

A network for stewardship ministers serving congregations and dioceses. Conference schedule, bibliography of resources, consultant directory.

www.tens.org

[Images for Episcopal Network for Stewardship](#)

19) Worship

Liturgical & Worship Resources - Episcopal Network for Stewardship

Resources are listed from most recent to oldest below.

<http://www.tens.org/resources/free-resources/free-resources-blog/?category=Liturgical+%26+Worship+Resources&blogid=157>

<https://www.tens.org/resources/free-resources>

Liturgy and worship aids - PC(USA) OGA - Presbyterian Church (USA)

<http://oga.pcusa.org/documents-resources/list/liturgy/>

[Images for Liturgical & Worship Resources - Episcopal Network for Stewardship](#)

NOVEMBER WORSHIP EMPHASIS

For three weeks in November we will emphasize what it means to be a "steward" of God. By definition a steward is one who manages the resources of another. God has called us to be "good" stewards of what God has given us.

Weekend of November 8 and 9

The stewardship of our calling.

Weekend of November 15 and 16

The stewardship of creation.

Blaze Orange worship.

Weekend of November 22 and 23

The stewardship of justice.

Stewardship offering procession.

Thanksgiving Eve, November 26

Worship service of thanks for God's blessing to us

Our Monthly Newsletter—November, 2014 - Peace Lutheran Church

http://plcmenomonie.com/docs/Newsletters/November_Newsletter_2014.pdf

[Images for NOVEMBER WORSHIP EMPHASIS Steward of God](http://www.plcmenomonie.com/)
<http://www.plcmenomonie.com/>

Offerings: Remarks on Passing the Plate by Robert A. Thayer

This small volume is a collection of motivational articles, offertory words, and one song for use by **worship** leaders in the congregation.

<http://www.amazon.com/Offerings-Remarks-Passing-Plate/dp/1558964746>
<http://books.google.com/books/about/Offerings.html?id=KBtUkTlwq2gC>
<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1558964746>
<https://givingspeaks.com/>
<https://givingspeaks.com/tag/stewardship/page/12/>
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/obituaries/2012/04/16/robert-thayer-minister-was-well-suited-task/JgOuBadPfNixYYO9BjKw7O/story.html>
[Images for Offerings: Remarks on Passing the Plate by Robert Thayer](#)

The Earth is the Lord's by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

This hymn, set to the familiar tune of ST. DENIO ("Immortal, Invisible"), speaks of God's ownership of the created earth and of our stewardship of it.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3984>
[Images for The Earth is the Lord's by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary](#)

The 5-10 Club by Center for Stewardship Leaders – Luther Seminary

People nowadays often fill their schedules, so they don't have a minute to spare. But what if your pastor asked you for five minutes – five minutes a day for 10 days to pray for the church?

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3926>
[Images for five minutes – five minutes a day for 10 days to pray for the church](#)

The Stewardship of Church Music: Session 1 - Luther Seminary

The dictionary defines a steward as one who manages another's property. Like virtually every other vocation in the church, the musician is also a steward in the sense of the dictionary's definition.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/default.aspx?m=6667&post=3985>
[Images for Stewardship of Church Music - Luther Seminary](#)

worship Archives - Faith+Lead - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/tag/worship/>
[Images for worship Archives - Faith+Lead - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary](#)
<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/fifteen-stewardship-songs/>
[Images for Fifteen Stewardship Songs - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary](#)
<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/tag/music/>
[Images for Music Archives - Faith+Lead - Luther Seminary stewardship](#)
<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/singing-stewardship-a-list-of-stewardship-hymns/>
<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/singing-stewardship/>

20) Year-round Stewardship

[PDF] A Guide for Year-Round Financial Stewardship Planning

This manual, with special emphasis on the annual financial stewardship program, will help pastors, sessions and stewardship committees as they plan for the financial health of the congregation.

http://www.presbyteryofsf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Stewardship.Manual.PCUSA_.pdf
[Images for Guide for Year-Round Financial Stewardship Planning](#)

[PDF] A Manual for Year-Round Stewardship by Eugene Grimm and Richard Bosse

Year-round stewardship includes an intentional effort to strengthen and support congregational members in the understanding of their role as God's stewards.

https://stewardsheart.weebly.com/uploads/4/1/3/6/41363933/a_manual_for_year_round_stewardship.pdf
[Images for A Manual for Year-Round Stewardship by Eugene Grimm and Richard Bosse](#)
<http://www.neiasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Stewardship-Resources-2014.pdf>
<http://iksynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/stewardship-resource-bibliography-1.17.pdf>
http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Celebrate_Generosity.pdf
<http://archive.stewardshipoflife.org/Programs.htm>
<https://www.realepiscopal.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Year-Round-Stewardship-and-Annual-Commitment-Program-TENS.pdf>

A Twelve-Month Plan for Stewardship in the Local Church - Discipleship Ministries | Equipping World – Changing Disciples. The United Methodist Church

Churches that are doing stewardship well focus on it more than a couple of weeks in the fall. We suggest a year-round strategy for helping your folks learn that being a faithful steward is about more than how the church gets its bill paid! Herb Mather offers one comprehensive plan that a church might use in developing a year-round stewardship strategy!

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-twelve-month-plan-for-stewardship-in-the-local-church>

[Images for A Twelve-Month Plan for Stewardship in the Local Church - Discipleship Ministries | Equipping World – Changing Disciples. The United Methodist Church](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-twelve-month-plan-for-stewardship-in-the-local-church)

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/stewardship>

www.umc.org/how-we-serve/stewardship

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/mychurchwebsite/c367/stewardship.pdf>

https://qbod-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/resource-downloads/AC_Booklet_12MonthPlanForStewardship_Cover.pdf

Biblical Stewardship | The Basilica of Saint Mary

We celebrate biblical stewardship **throughout the year**. Basilica ministries are a guide to making stewardship part of daily life. Join us as we explore six aspects of biblical stewardship:

http://www.mary.org/who-we-are/biblical-stewardship#.VUvbt_IVhBc

[Images for celebrate biblical stewardship throughout the year](http://www.mary.org/who-we-are/biblical-stewardship#.VUvbt_IVhBc)

Best Practices in Stewardship

Walking Together: A Congregational Resource Event

Rev. Nancy Amacher, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Medford

No one wants to talk about stewardship... except perhaps when it comes to budget time. There are lots of ways to **encourage generosity all year around**. Come and hear what one pastor has learned from congregations through the Stewardship Key Leader Program. Honestly, these ideas apply whether your worship attendance is 30 or 300.

http://www.nswi.org/webfiles/fnitools/documents/program_book_3.16.13.pdf

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info@nswi.org

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/nancy-amacher-89218618>

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs191/1101126434512/archive/1118478615559.html>

[Images for Best Practices in Stewardship encourage generosity all year round](http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs191/1101126434512/archive/1118478615559.html)

Diocese of West Texas: Year Round Stewardship

The calendar gives congregations suggestions and resources for practicing year 'round stewardship.

<http://www.dwtx.org/departments/ministries/stewardship/year-round-stewardship/>

[Images for Diocese of West Texas: Year Round Stewardship](http://www.dwtx.org/departments/ministries/stewardship/year-round-stewardship/)

https://dioceseofnewark.org/sites/default/files/resources/Year-Round%20Stewardship%20Additional%20Resources%20Booklet_1.pdf

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/sites/default/files/resources/Year-Round%20Stewardship%20Planning%20Matrix.pdf>

<http://www.dwtx.org/departments/stewardship/stewardship-resources/>

<http://www.dwtx.org/departments/stewardship/>

<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/toward-year-round-stewardship-ministry/>

[https://www.episcopalatlanta.org/Customer-](https://www.episcopalatlanta.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/2017_Diocese_of_Atlanta_Year_Round_Stewardship_Calendar.pdf)

[Content/www/CMS/files/2017_Diocese of Atlanta Year Round Stewardship Calendar.pdf](https://www.episcopalatlanta.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/2017_Diocese_of_Atlanta_Year_Round_Stewardship_Calendar.pdf)

<https://www.realepiscopal.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Year-Round-Stewardship-and-Annual-Commitment-Program-TENS.pdf>

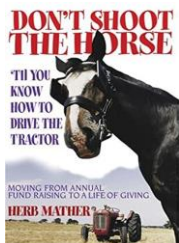
<https://www.realepiscopal.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Models-for-Integrating-Year-Round-Stewardship.pdf>

http://www.ecfvp.org/files/uploads/ECF_year_round_stewardship_FINAL_FINAL.pdf

<https://resources.ecwww.org/sites/default/files/resources/51IdeasForAYearRoundProgram.pdf>

Don't Shoot the Horse ("Til You Know How to Drive the Tractor): Moving from Annual Fund Raising to a Life of Giving [Herb Mather]

Mather uses wit and humor to show how congregations can move from a "dying" system to one that thrives in stewardship and mission.



<http://www.amazon.com/Dont-Shoot-Horse-Drive-Tractor/dp/0881771368>

http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/260770.Don_t_Shoot_the_Horse

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/152439.Herb_Mather

<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1426729073>

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<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-twelve-month-plan-for-stewardship-in-the-local-church>

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/152439.Herb_Mather

[Images for Don't Shoot the Horse \('Til You Know How to Drive the Tractor\): Moving from Annual Fund Raising to a Life of Giving \[Herb Mather\]](#)

How to Increase Financial Stewardship – The Parish Paper
Ingredients in Effective Annual Stewardship Education
Effective **Year-Around** Stewardship Education

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[PDF]Ch. Effectiveness Nuggets--Volume 5--How to Increase Financial Stewardship - The Parish Paper

<https://www.theparishpaper.com/sites/default/files/resources/Church%20Effectiveness%20Nuggets-%20Volume%205.pdf>

<https://www.theparishpaper.com/free-resources> Church Effective Nugget, Volume 5: How to Increase Financial Stewardship

[Images for How to Increase Financial Stewardship – The Parish Paper Ingredients in Effective Annual Stewardship Education Effective Year-Around Stewardship Education](#)

[PDF] Planning for Year-round Stewardship Activities

http://www.diocal.org/sites/default/files/media/be_comm_homework/planning_calendar.pdf

[Images for Planning for Year-round Stewardship Activities](#)

[PDF]SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP "To everything there is a season." - Amazon AWS

Understood as seasons of stewardship the church's liturgical year can show how "all times are God's seasons." Along with the lectionary and Sunday bulletin themes, the church year can motivate year-round stewardship growth and commitment, restoring "giving" to its rightful place at the heart of all seasons of Christian experience.

https://macucc.s3.amazonaws.com/2FED59BC6FDC4C5B985229074449E9DF_Seasons%20of%20Stewardship%20%20_Connections_.pdf

[Images for SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP](#)

Stewards of God's Love - A year-round guide to stewardship in your congregation – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "stewardship"? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? What about love?

The ELCA is a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life, and we have an important message to share: stewardship is about so much more than money – stewardship is about love.

That's why the ELCA developed *Stewards of God's Love*, a new resource you can use for year-round stewardship ministry in your congregation. Rooted in a holistic, biblically based approach to stewardship, *Stewards of God's Love* challenges all Christians to reimagine the ways in which they steward God's resources — time, talents and treasures — in response to God's commandment to love God and our neighbors.

It is designed to equip you with themed activities, Bible verses, best practices and new ideas to ignite year-round stewardship in your congregation. It also features real-world examples of congregations and leaders from around the country who are faithful stewards not only in their worship but in all aspects of their lives.

Whether you're new to stewardship or have been leading a committee for years, whether you lead a large congregation or a small worshipping community in your home, you can use this guide to renew your congregation's stewardship ministry or simply to find a few new insights for growing stewards.

Stewards of God's Love - ELCA Resource Repository

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA Stewards Of Gods Love Resource and Inserts.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA%20Stewards%20Of%20Gods%20Love%20Resource%20and%20Inserts.pdf)

<http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Discipleship/Stewardship/Growing-Stewards.aspx>

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[http://resources.elca.org/Stewardship-Year Round Planning Calendar for Growing Stewards.html](http://resources.elca.org/Stewardship-Year_Round_Planning_Calendar_for_Growing_Stewards.html)

<https://swmnelca.org/2013/10/09/stewards-of-gods-love-stewardship-resource-for-congregations/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/NEIASynod/stewardship/>

<https://www.readkong.com/page/stewards-of-god-s-love-8906328>

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Stewardship>

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<http://www.mcseelca.org/assets/Narrative-Budget-Workshop1.pdf>

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[PDF]Stewardship Calendar - Barnabas Foundation

Drawing from Barnabas Foundation's years of experience helping hundreds of churches grow in stewardship, the Stewardship Calendar includes month-by-month recommended resources and ideas for:

<https://barnabasfoundation.com/images/Stewardship-Calendar-March-2017.pdf>

[Images for Stewardship Calendar - Barnabas Foundation](#)

[PDF] Stewardship Manual - Presbyterian Foundation

A Guide for Year-Round Financial Stewardship Planning

<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/getattachment/2a2140ca-8ac1-47e5-8c8b-29c66be913a4/PCUSA-Stewardship-Manual.aspx>

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<http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/files/documents/ResourceCenter/StewardshipResources.pdf>

Talking about Church Stewardship All Year Long – Margaret Marcuson

Here are some advantages to year-round stewardship.

<http://margaretmarcuson.com/talking-about-church-stewardship-all-year-long/>

[Images for Talking about Church Stewardship All Year Long – Margaret Marcuson](https://www.christiancentury.org/blogs/archive/2012-07/do-you-celebrate-those-who-give-your-church)

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Toward a Year-Round Stewardship Ministry - Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Ann Michel of the Lewis Center staff says that forming people for faithful stewardship and extravagant generosity requires more than a single annual sermon. She advocates the development of a stewardship calendar to make sure that different aspects of stewardship receive ongoing attention throughout the year.

<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/toward-year-round-stewardship-ministry/>

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<https://www.churchleadership.com/category/leading-ideas/>

[PDF] 12-month stewardship planning worksheet - Kluth.org

Determine which best practices you will schedule, research, initiate, and/or implement in your church.

<http://www.kluth.org/church/12Month-AND-BestPracticesResources.pdf>

[Images for 12-month stewardship planning worksheet](https://www.kluth.org/church/12Month-AND-BestPracticesResources.pdf)

[RTF] Year-Round Congregational Stewardship Plan - London Conference

Guiding Principles/Assumptions about Stewardship (Including Financial Stewardship) Page 3

Year-Round Stewardship Plan Page 6

Metrics and Evaluation Page 29

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www.londonconference.ca/content/tips-congregations

<http://www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca/>

[PDF] Year-Round Congregational Stewardship Six Best Practices

Operational Management (includes financial)

Stewardship Integration in Worship

Stewardship Formation (education and discussion opportunities)

Stewardship Leadership (clergy and lay)

Spiritual-Nurture Opportunities

Engagement in Social Justice Concerns

<http://dioceseofalgoma.com/UploadedFiles/file/Link2.pdf>

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Year Round Stewardship - YouTube

An online workshop presented on November 18, 2010, led by Mark Ewert, UUA Congregational Stewardship Services Consultant and Certified Leadership Coach.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHAROI5oXmg>

[Images for Year Round Stewardship - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHAROI5oXmg)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpOneeiX234> Year-round Stewardship - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkDitbtT2A0> ECF - Year Round Stewardship: Talking About Money - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Qbwrg-W2jA> Year Round Stewardship 02 11 15 - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXEo18TisEo> Building a Year-round Stewardship Plan - YouTube

21) Young adults

From myths to ministry | The Lutheran

STORY BY ADAM J. COPELAND

Instead of generalizing about all young people, I've opted to generalize about the church itself. I've done my best to limit generalizations about *all young adults* today. Heck, even if those headlines about all 70 million millennials were true, the much smaller cohort who are actually members of our Lutheran congregations surely have their own characteristics.

With these realities in mind, here are five myths about **young adults** and giving, and suggested ways to engage in ministry with them.

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<https://www.livinglutheran.org/author/adam-j-copeland/>
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/contact-us/>
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/issues/>

Stewardship with Adults under 40 | Adam J. Copeland

This summer, July 29-31, **Luther Seminary** is hosting a conference on the theme **Stewardship with Adults under 40: Possibilities Abound**. I'm attending (and will be giving a presentation titled, "New Ideas, New Media, New Moves") and I'm really excited to think about these great questions with those gathered. As we say in the south, "Y'all might should come along."

<http://www.adamjcopeland.com/2013/05/08/stewardship-with-adults-under-40/>
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<http://www.adamjcopeland.com/2012/11/28/young-adults-stewardship-what-gives/>
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http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/9556789.Adam_J_Copeland
[Images for Adam J. Copeland \(author\)](#)

22) Youth

Activities and Practices that Foster Generosity in Children and Youth

<http://www.uua.org/finance/fundraising/generosity/children/185477.shtml>
[Images for Activities and Practices that Foster Generosity in Children and Youth](#)
<http://www.uua.org/finance/fundraising/generosity/children/185476.shtml>
<http://www.uua.org/finance/fundraising/generosity/children/185455.shtml>
<https://www.uua.org/finance/fundraising/generosity/children>
<https://www.uua.org/finance/fundraising/generosity>

Choices and Challenges: Stewardship Strategies for Youth [Dan R. Dick]

This collection of lesson plans for Christian youth groups addresses stewardship of time, money, relationships, and possessions in today's world.

<http://www.amazon.com/Choices-Challenges-Stewardship-Strategies-Youth/dp/088177135X>
<https://books.google.com/books?isbn=1566995418> Page 167
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<https://um-insight.net/blogs/dan-r-dick>
<https://www.thriftbooks.com/a/dan-r-dick/233716/>
[Images for Dan R. Dick, author stewardship strategies](#)
[Images for Choices and Challenges: Stewardship Strategies for Youth \[Dan R. Dick\]](#)

How to Teach Stewardship to Youth - Classroom - Synonym

Stewardship pushes kids away from the "give me" mentality and puts them on track to caring about the world and other people. Stewardship activities teach kids how to use time, money and skills responsibly. In a religious sense, children learn that they are caretakers of the gifts given by God. Donating money -- tithing -- to the church is a major form of stewardship, but you can also take a universal approach to helping others and the Earth by being a good steward.

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<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/downloads/Children%20and%20youth/R2B%20Youth%20Materials.pdf>
<https://ministrytoyouth.com/tag/stewardship-lessons-for-youth/>
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<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/teaching-stewardship-at-a-young-age/>
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