

# HEART TREASURE

A newsletter from North American Division Stewardship Ministries

## Leaning in to Stewardship

As a Millennial, I don't take things at face value. Skepticism is very much a part of my DNA. Appeals based on historical precedent or past performance are only as good as the real value they show today.

Baby Boomers have an established sense of duty; they bought into establishments and their support. Not so much Millennials. We find that participation in civic duties and government don't meet our expectations. We center on items involving personal choice. For us, tithing is a personal choice, not a Christian duty.

What's been stretching my mind lately is the idea that the individualism, leading us to participate out of preference and not duty, can come at a cost. As Os Guinness, author and social critic, brilliantly summarized, "Without individuals nothing happens, without institutions nothing survives."

Last year, I was asked to help reframe stewardship for the next generation. I was encouraged to see administrative leadership questioning their own assumptions, thinking outside the box, and earning trust by sharing the mic—capstoned by the AdventistGiving app that leverages technology to connect you to your local church's offering plate and broader Adventist-coordinated missions. The app will share inspiring stories from the lives of everyday Adventists. These are real stories of real people engaged in God's redemptive economy by experiencing Him personally and professionally.

Stewardship is the act of carrying out mission in our everyday lives. I trust that like me, you too will be challenged and inspired by these stories.

—Diana Smith, an impact strategist consultant and producer for I am a Steward. Diana and her husband Kasee, live in New England where among other social-entrepreneurial ventures, they are helping build spiritual community in the tiny tourist town of Shelburne Falls, MA.

To read Diana Smith's full article go to <https://www.nadstewardship.org/i-am-a-steward-article-by-diana-smith/>



## The Best Business Partner

*We each have talents God gave us for His work. Chef Chew shares his story of why he chooses to be a steward of his God-given talents.*

Chef Chew was adopted into a family by the name of Chew. He got his love of cooking and food from his family. When he was in 12th grade, he was a track athlete and he had received a college scholarship in track. After he signed the scholarship, he broke his leg in a race. The Holy Spirit used that event to change the direction of his life.

"The Holy Spirit began to let me know that He had a different calling—a different race that He wanted me to run. And eventually within a year-and-a-half I literally became a missionary. I realized I had a gift in cooking, and so I called myself Chef Chew. I like to say 'I always say gonna give you something to chew on.'"

"I've been able to see God use my gifts, my talents, and allow me to use it for His service and we're praying that through this we can lead many souls to understanding of our Savior Jesus Christ. I'm a steward because God is the best business partner you can ever have."

—From NAD Stewardship on YouTube  
<https://youtu.be/jgfdgDalvzg>

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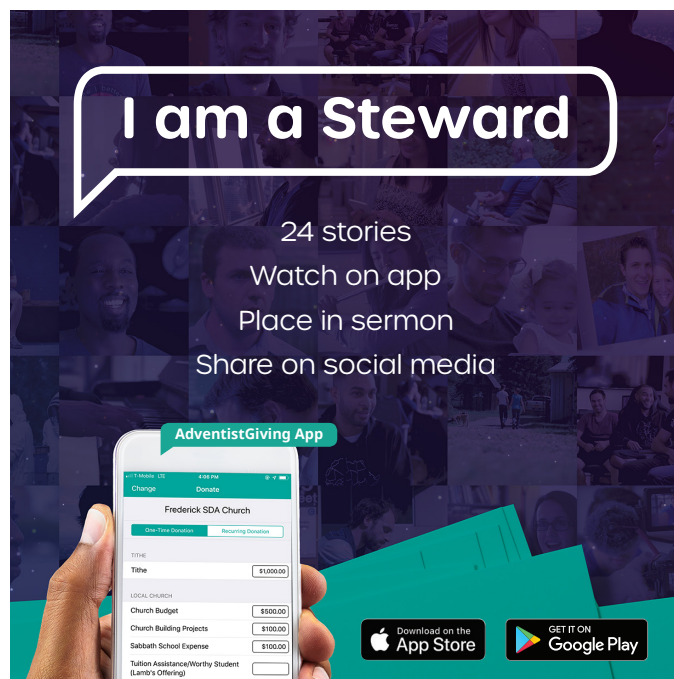
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## I am a Steward - Media Kit

You too can help share these personal stories of stewardship. Media kit includes magazine ads, bulletin inserts, social media captions, a feature article, and a sample letter to church pastors.



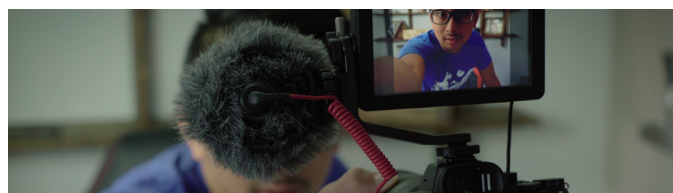
## I am a Steward

Justin Khoe shares his personal faith in God journey from believing there is no God to believing God is real. His belief in God affects every area of his life. Justin believes God gave him his life. Justin is now a steward of his life, living in ways that he believes God has instructed. Justin's story is one of 24 videos in the I am a Steward video series that have been produced by the North American Division.

I am a Steward aims to increase awareness of the AdventistGiving app and grow viewers' understanding of stewardship through personal stories. The stories highlight the diverse methods of being a Christian steward. I am a Steward is a creative expression of redemptive grace that reflects every aspect of life: physical, emotional, mentally, spiritual, and financial.

The short video testimonies can be seamlessly incorporated into your worship services and ministries. They can be played on/during church announcements, stewardship emphasis days, offering, youth/young adult services, Sabbath School programs, and vespers.

For more information about AdventistGiving, visit [AdventistGiving.org](https://www.adventistgiving.org). Also, visit <https://www.nadstewardship.org/i-am-a-steward-media-kit/> to download the I am a Steward videos and other promotional material you can use in your bulletins, online newsletter, or weekly email updates. These videos will inspire you to be stewards of all the gifts God has given to us.



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