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Generosity Symposium 2023 Stewardship: "Reset | Refresh | Restore"

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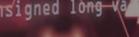
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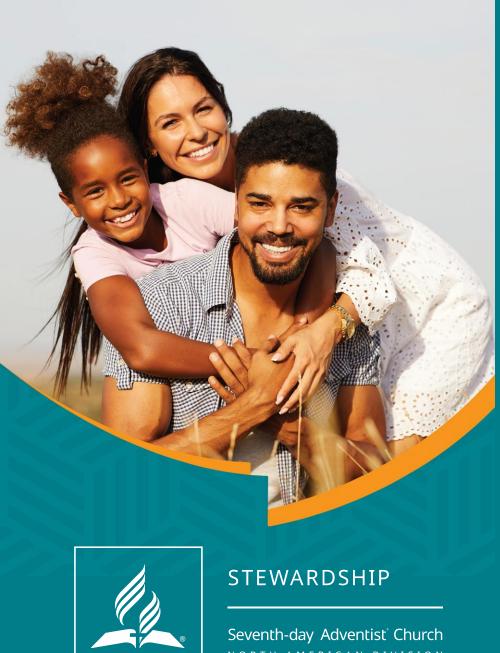


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STEWARDSHIP

Seventh-day Adventist Church NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



Stewardship is Revolutionary Generosity

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



Stewardship



"It's not just about money"



There is a vast difference between habit and happenstance. One is focused, the other is fuzzy. The Bible does not call us to live out our faith randomly, but to live it deliberately.

-John C. Maxwell



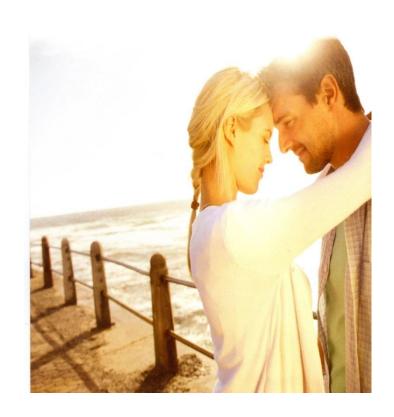
Relationship

John 14:15 If ye love me...



Love is the Power to Care

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love"



(I John 4:8).



Stewardship = Relationship

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.



Jesus was not random in His practice of generosity. He was intentional, focused and purposeful—just as we should be.



Revolutionary Generosity demands that we change our perspective. We must gain a fresh vision of the nature of generosity.



"Is the breaking away from and overthrow of a lifestyle that is centered on accumulation and self absorption."

"It is rising against the falsely created insatiable need for more and refusing to be subjected to the fear of not having enough to be truly happy."



Albert Schweitzer once said...

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."



Pathfinders know "how to serve."





"Revolutionary Generosity" Pathfinders know "how to serve."

Read this story and others in the Children's Mission Quarterly

AdventistMission.org/mission-quarterlies



This is how real generosity acts, looks, and feels in the context of our current reality.



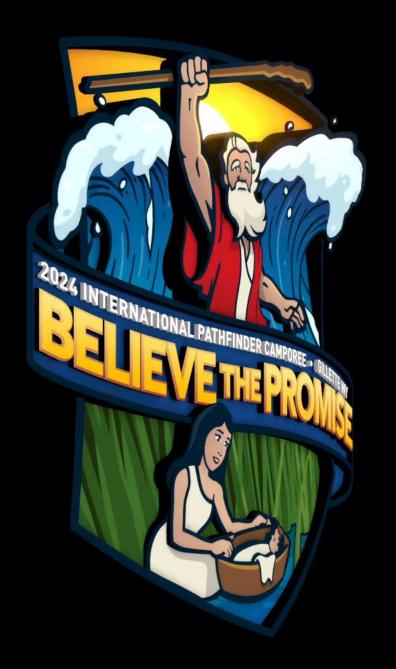
Pathfinders know "how to serve."

It's all about Jesus!





We will be teaching the Stewardship Honor



2024



Stewardship, the word has received a negative reputation in the mind of many believers over time.



Many of us were and still are introduced to it at the tithe and offering phase of our worship experience when it is much more than a liturgical segment in worship.



What is...?



STEWARDSHIP

Seventh-day Adventist Church

Stewardship is first and foremost about our relationship with God.

—Michael Harpe



John 14:15 If ye love me...

Stewardship = Relationship



Stewardship is not transactional

About Money Only



Stewardship is transformational

Spiritual & Practical



Stewardship is Life Management

- I. Personal Life-(Believer)T7 Concept [7 t's of Stewardship]
- **II.** Church Life-(Organization)

Vision

Mission

Ministries

Budget

Tithe/Offering

Capital Campaign

Fundraising

Entrepreneurism

etc...

III. Inter-departmental Connections

Ministerial/Elders/Deacons/Deaconess

Prayer Ministries

Health Ministries

Community Services

Family Ministry, Couples, Singles

Youth/Young Adult/Children's Ministry

Evangelism, Discipling, Personal Ministry

Fundraising

Treasury

Women's Ministries, Sabbath School, <u>Trust</u>

Services, etc...



All Church Ministry is Team Ministry



A GUIDE FOR THE LOCAL CHURCH



What Does a Stewardship Leader do?



First of all, the stewardship leader must be a faithful steward.



Secondly, the stewardship leader needs to have an understanding of the spiritual and financial ministry of the church.



Thirdly, the local church stewardship leader works with the pastor, treasurer, church board, and conference stewardship director...



...For example, as a member of the church board she or he will share input on stewardship and get helpful input from other board members.



Quinquennial Projections



- Need for more Stewardship Ministry Leaders at all levels
- Relevance of Stewardship Ministries



"Due to...limited exposure, we have been conditioned over time to think of stewardship in terms of money only (passing of the offering plate)...

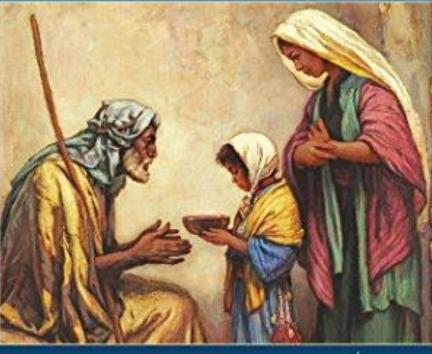
"Unless a highlight is presented relating to the significance of a personal relationship with God over money...

"then the spiritual importance of stewardship is marginalized...

"Stewardship then becomes transactional, about money only. And that's how most believers view it.

"It was about 49 years ago (the current year 2023) that the focus of stewardship was seen in a complete Sabbath School quarterly, fourth quarter, Oct.-Dec. 1974, until (44yrs later) the first quarter, Jan-Mar. 2018, and now again in 2023. Amen!

STEWARDSHIP MOTIVES OF THE HEART





Ed Reid

Now 2023

Amen!

Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guide Jan | Feb | Mar 2023

MANAGING FOR THE MASTER Till He Comes



"John Mathews, former NAD Stewardship Director, was dedicated to the subject. The world church studied and experienced the magnitude and the scope of stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP MOTIVES OF THE HEART





Spiritual and practical significance was emphasized.

"Giving increased.

We must not lose this boost and resuscitation of stewardship."

STEWARDSHIP MOTIVES OF THE HEART





"I would implore administrators across the division to keep this elevated focus of stewardship central to the mission of Jesus and their fields by insuring there are stewardship leaders represented in their territories...

"This must be priority one."

"There's been a dearth of stewardship leaders at our local churches, conferences, and union levels. When tithe levels drop, then stewardship is revisited, transactional thinking...

"The consistent highlighting of stewardship education will aid in strengthening the field [spiritually &] financially.

"When believers are inspired and reminded of faithfulness to the Master through stewardship principles, the result is (spiritual growth, church growth) increased giving, tithe, and offering (increased participation)...

"This is how we reverse the marginalization of stewardship which is much more than a liturgical segment in worship."

"Revolutionary Generosity"

It's all about Jesus and...

Trusting His Sovereignty

& Ownership

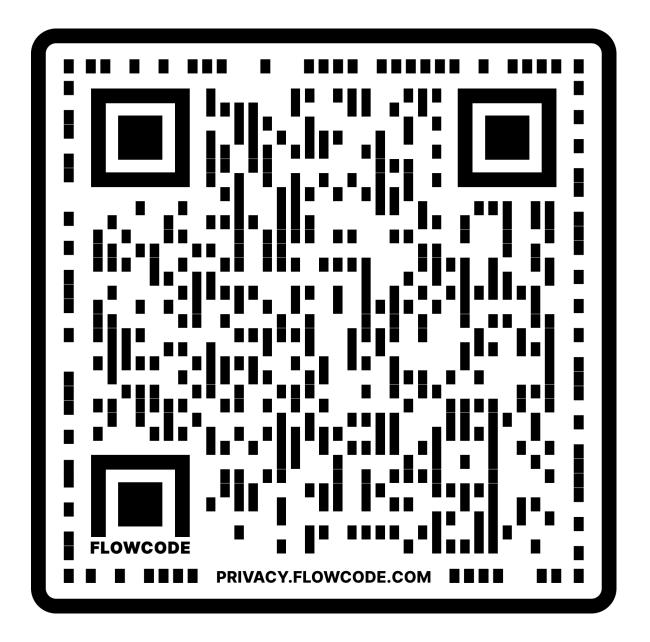


"Revolutionary Generosity"









Title:



"Revolutionary Generosity"

7T's of Stewardship

T7 Concept...

Spiritual & Practical



The Four Generosity Pillars



The Bedrock of Generosity



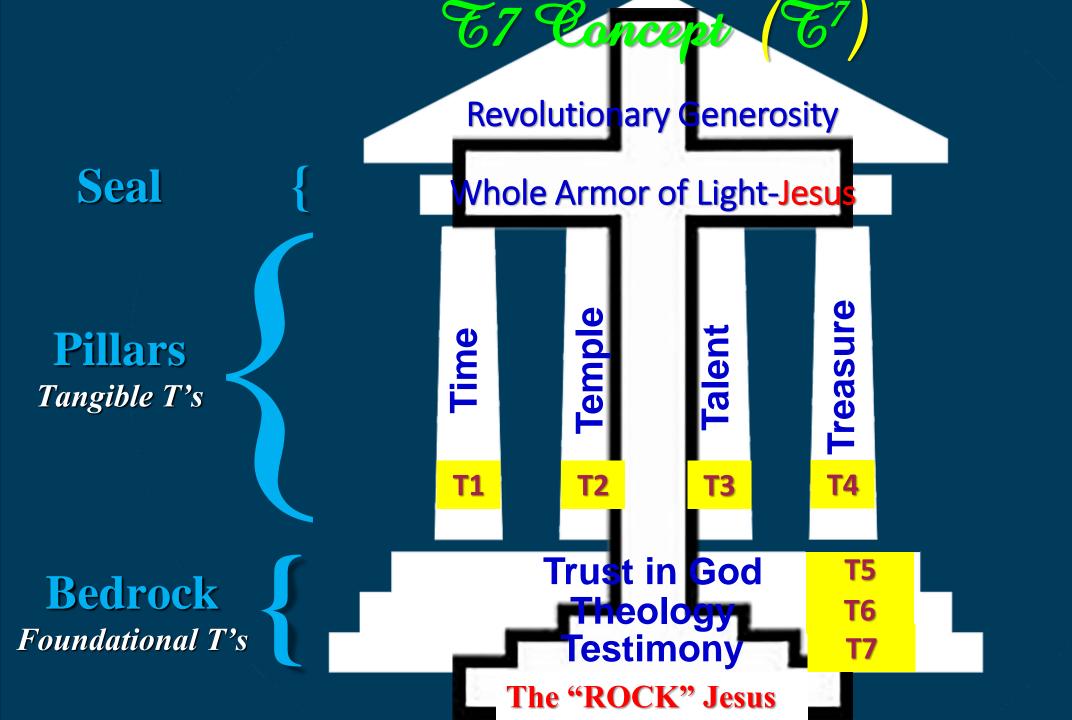
Trust in God



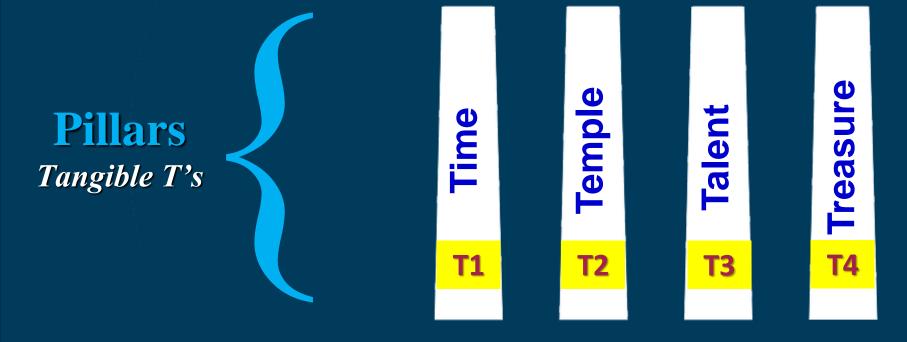
Theology



Testimony













The Four Generosity Pillars



Time



The Four Generosity Pillars

1. Spiritual:



Time



T1-Time

1. Spiritual: individual, personal worship, bible study & relationship building with God (Time with God).

2. Practical: – Time Management: Organizing time for family, the individual's life, building relationships and planning for the future.

The "ROCK" Jesus

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There are two kinds of time in scripture, chronos (Matt. 2:7) time, and kairos (Eph. 5:16) time.

CHRONOS MEANS TIME, PERIOD, SEASON, OR DELAY. CHRONOS TIME IS CLOCK TIME OR LINEAR TIME (TIME LINE).



Main Texts: Ephesians 5:15-16, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, v.16, Redeeming the

CICIFICA

Circumspectly is from the Greek meaning: "strictly," "accurately," "diligently," "carefully." The idea is that the believer is urged to follow a disciplined course.

CIRCUMSPECILY, adv. Cautiously; with watchfulness every way; with attention to guard against surprise or danger

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We may glean from Ephesians 5:15, 16 at least three important factors for managing our lives.

We must manage our lives (1) carefully, cautiously; (2) wisely, "not as fools;" and (3) opportunely, redeeming the time...

Ephesians 5:16 KJV

... because the aays are evil

Bible signs tell us Jesus is coming...

VERY SOON!

The evil days are HERE.



In these EVIL Days, we need to know how to redeem time, we need to know how to manage our time as good stewards, managers of God's Goods. And Time is one of God's precious goods.

Protokairotic

Living

Personal Daily
Devotional Lifestyle
"Seeking God's Face"

We must seek His face

You see, many "seek God's blessing on their <u>work</u> and <u>life</u> [His Hand only] without seeking God's searching, purifying, and transforming grace [His --Greg Selmon, "Authentic Grace for Life," online Blog.

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What is protokairotic living?

It is inner spiritual peace, an outgrowth of a personal devotional life —"Protokairotic Living" (Lake, 1999).

Proto = First +

Kairos = Event (time) or Opportunity (time)

[Redeeming the time-*Kairos* (Eph. 5:15-16)]

Make it your <u>first priority</u>
to <u>seize the first opportunity</u> of the day
to spend TIME with Jesus!
I Call it "Personal Peace!"

This means living out the most important event of the day personal worship between God and mequiet time.

An attempt at Personal Worship...





"Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to His glory...

...Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time."

(White, Christ Object Lessons, 1941)

Protokairotic Living!



"Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence" (Steps to Christ, pp. 94, 95. 1892).



As precious probationary time is still granted us in which to prepare for eternity, Eph. 5:16 says that we must Redeem the time, because the days are evil. Thank God that grace is still available for you and me and the World, we must warn them because...

The Four Generosity Pillars

1. Spiritual:



Time



The Four Generosity Pillars

- Spiritual:
 Practical:



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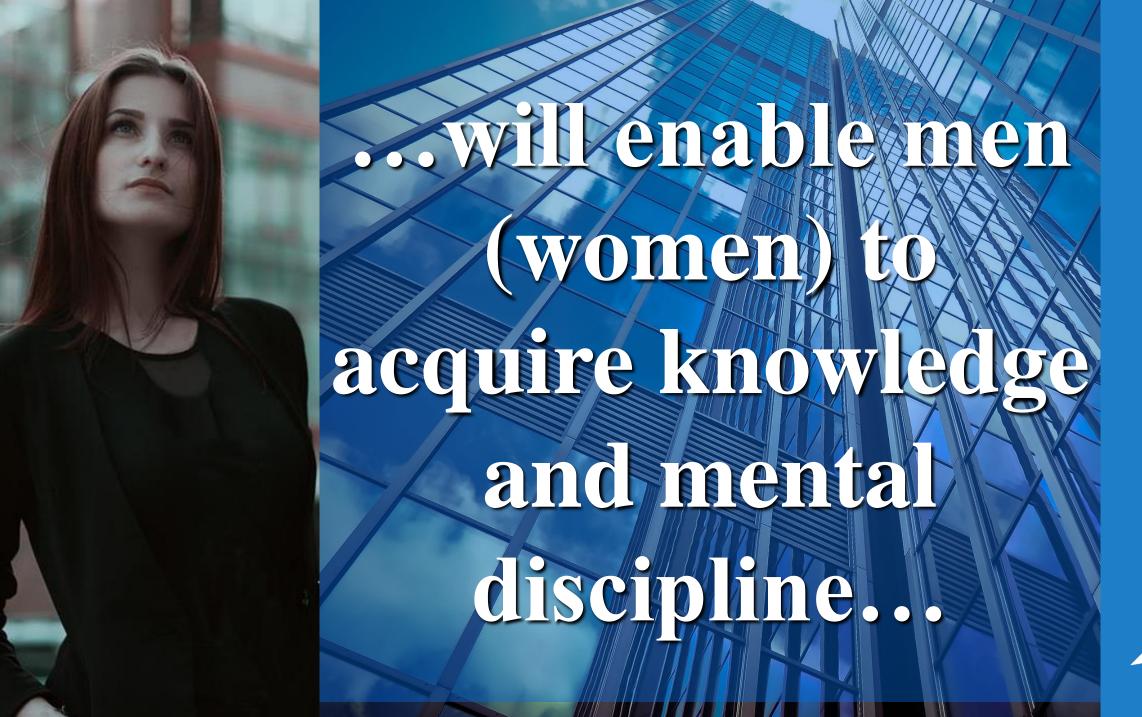
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Personal organization is essential to time management.

Make yourself a Schedule try to stick to it allowing for daily life changes.











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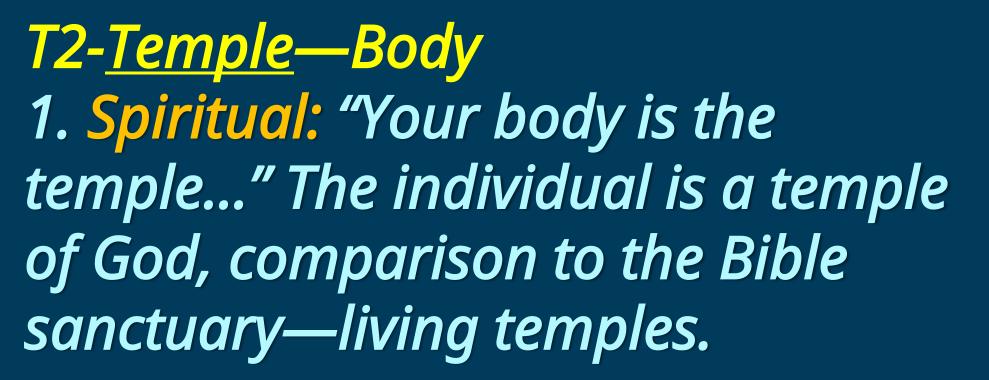
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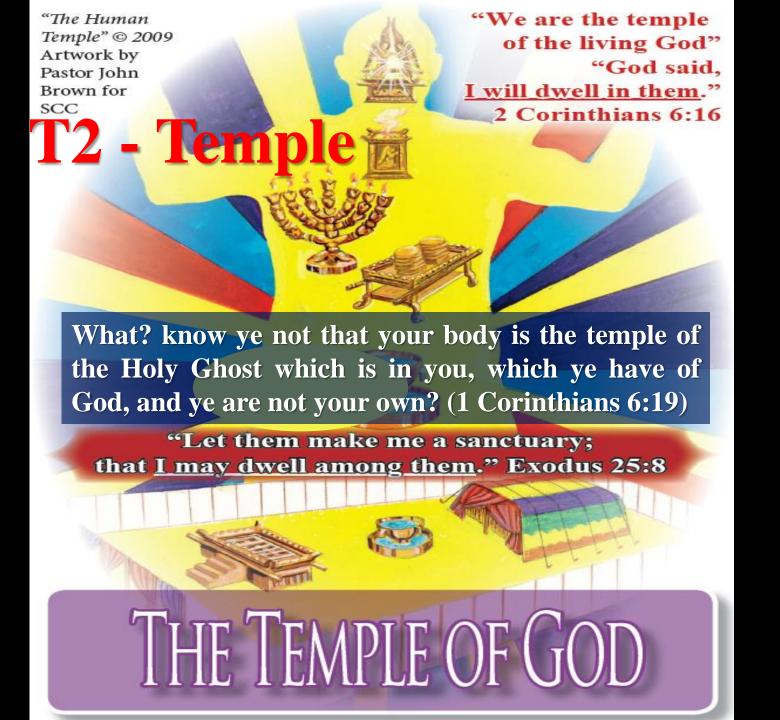


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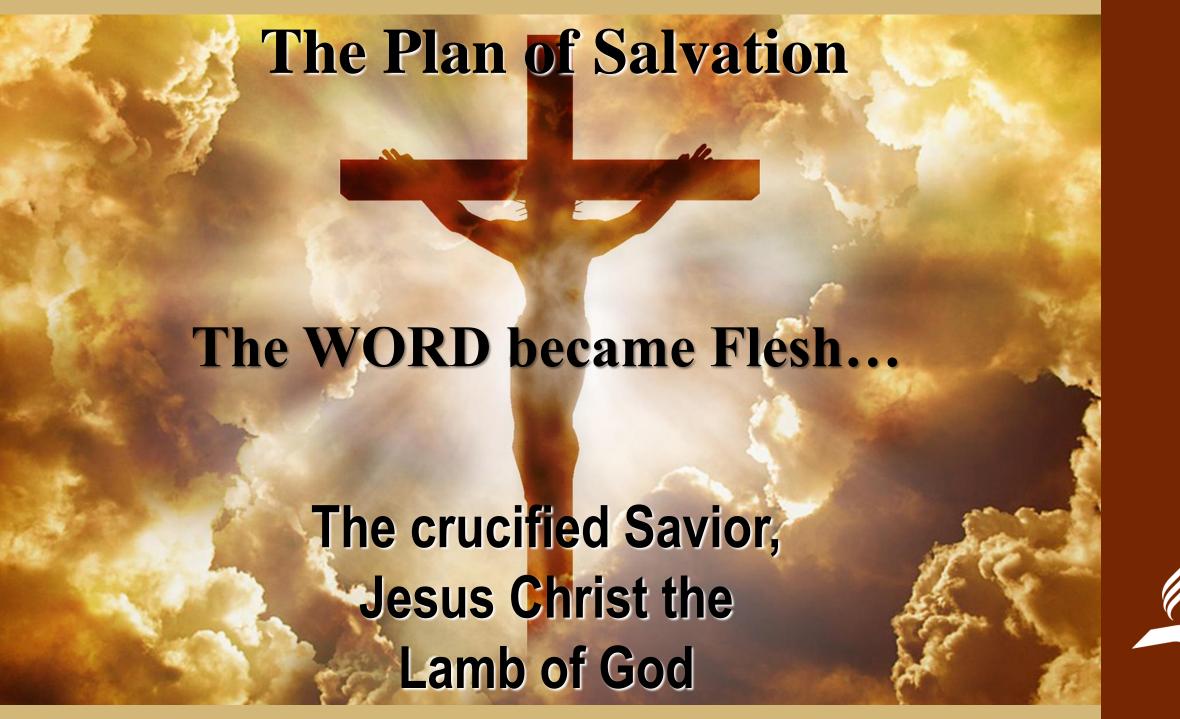










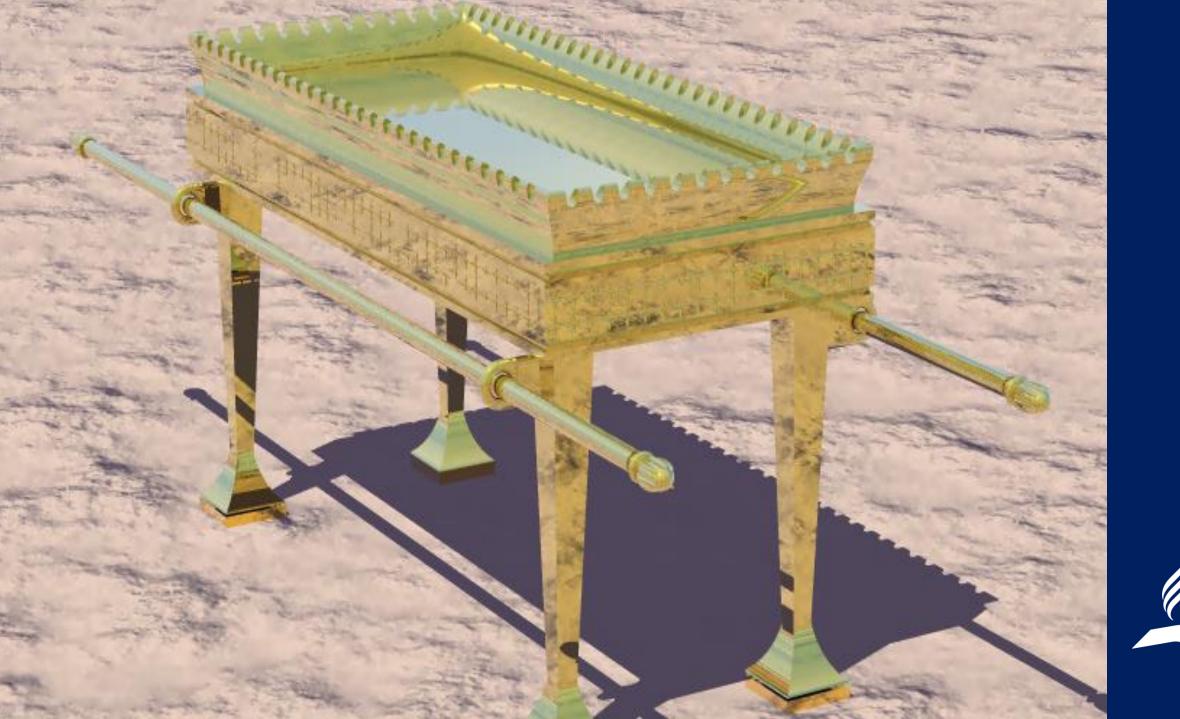




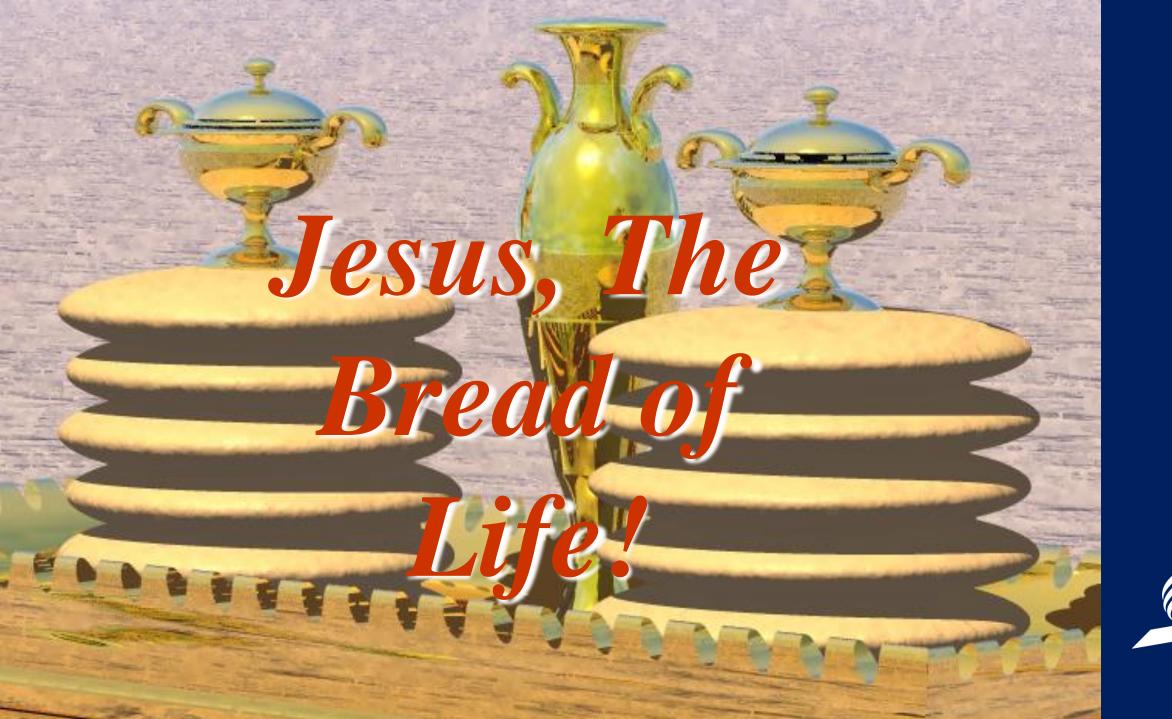
The Furniture in the Tabernacle

The Table of Shewbread
The Altar of Incense
The Lampstand



















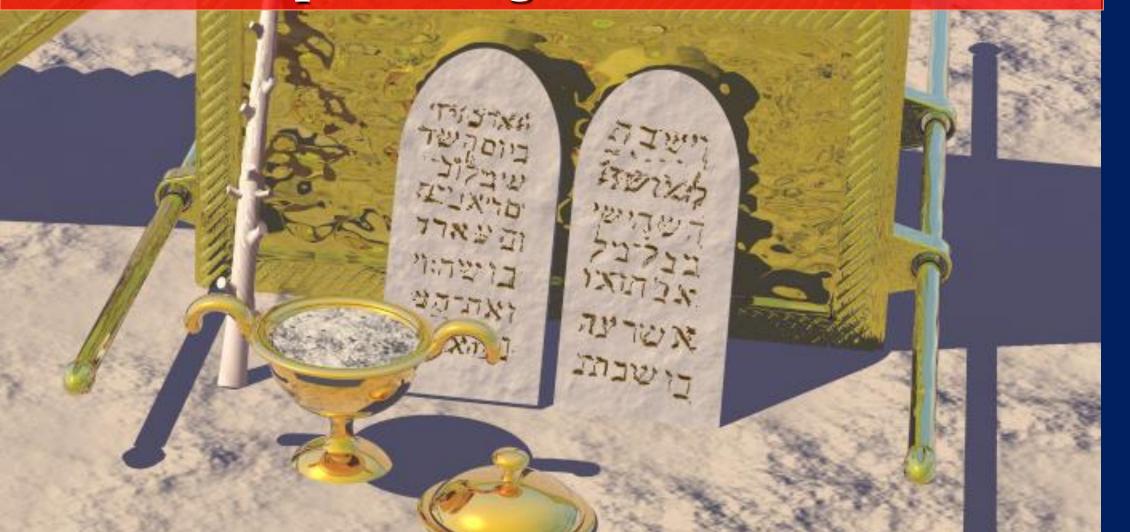




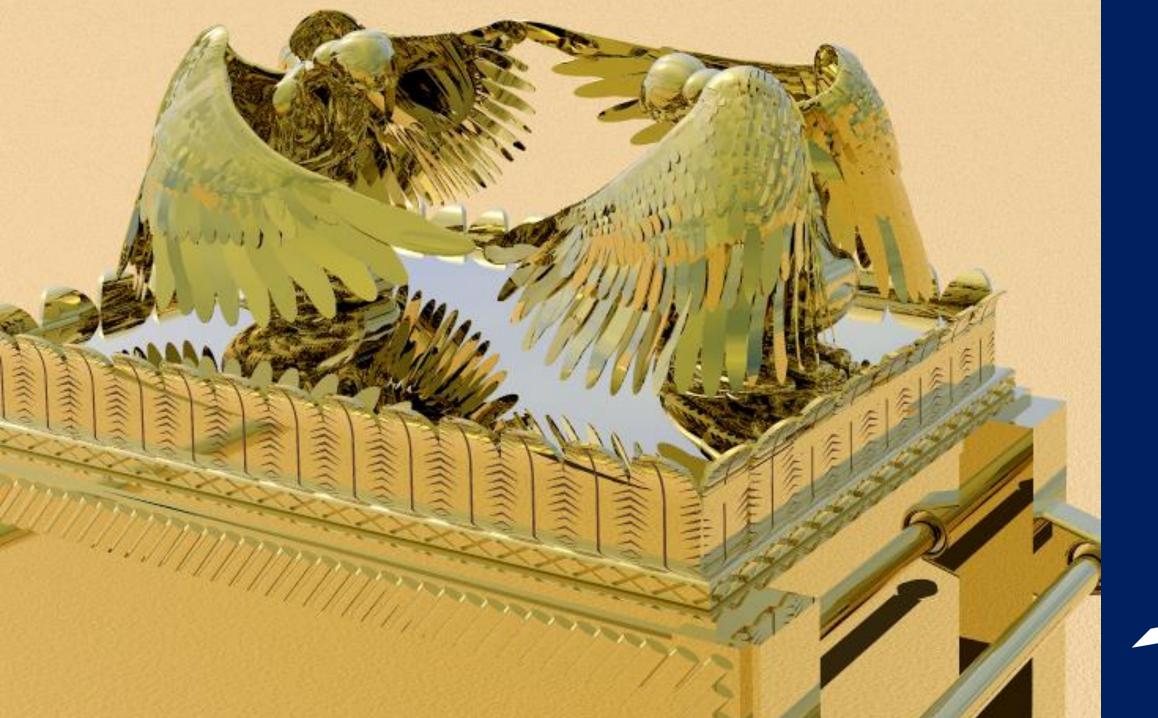




The Standard of Judgment: God's Law of Love-The Ten Commandments Representing His Character





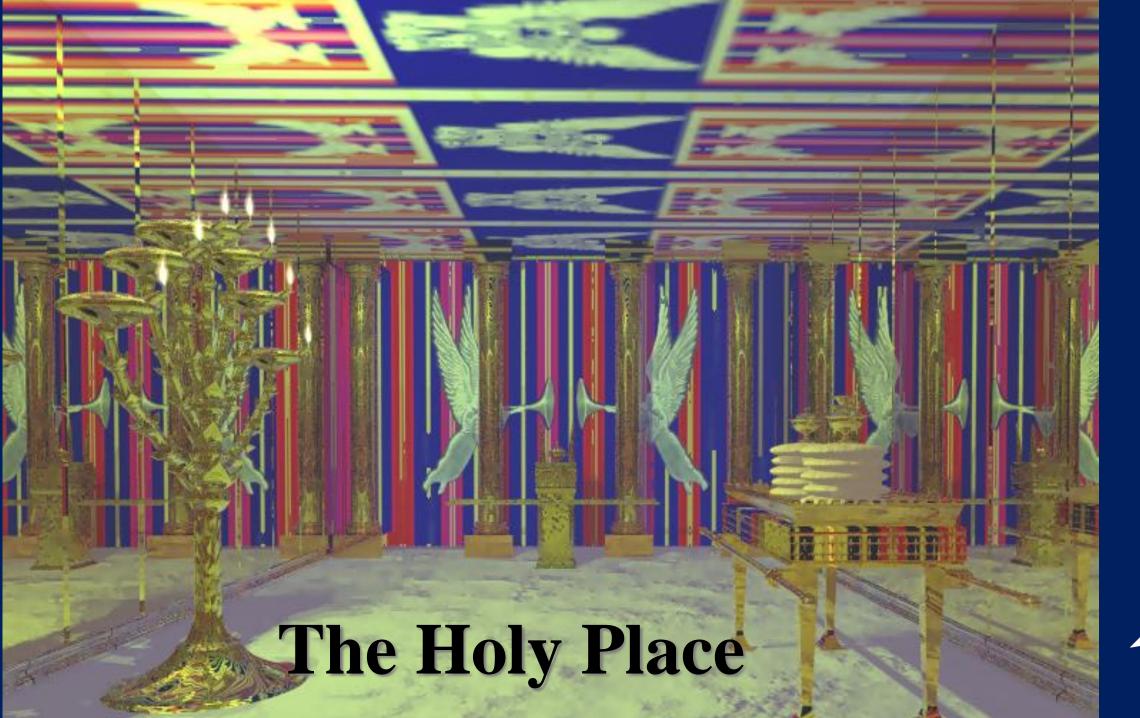




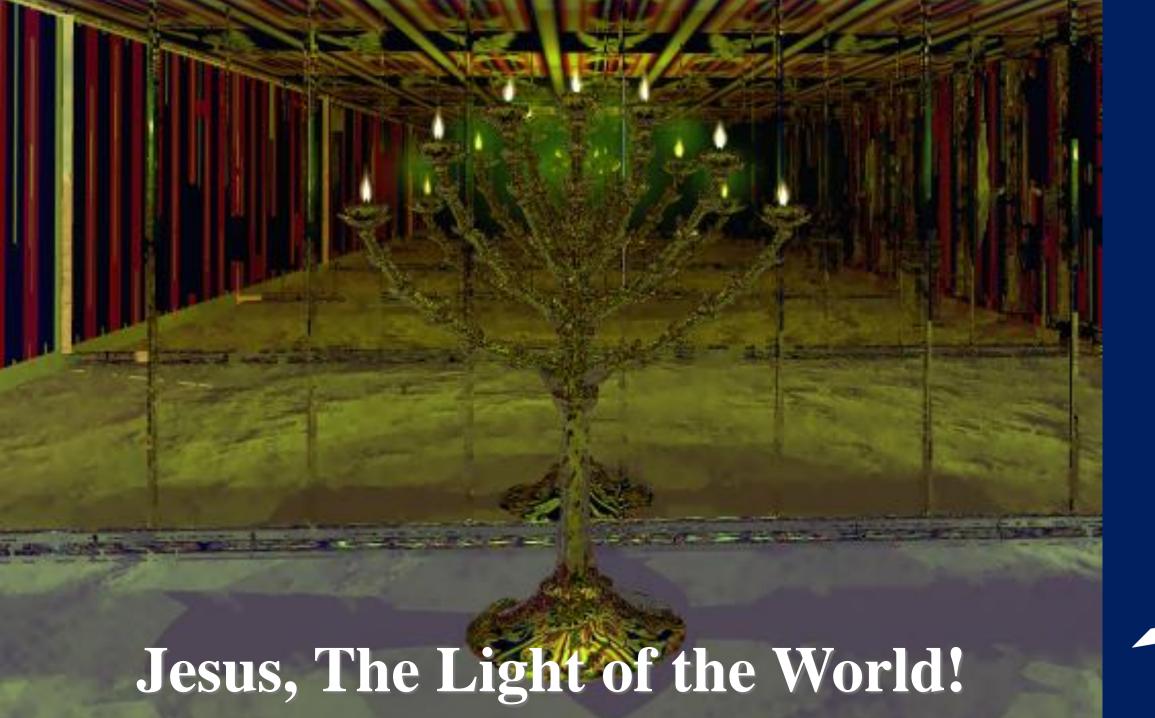
Inside the Tabernacle

The Holy Place

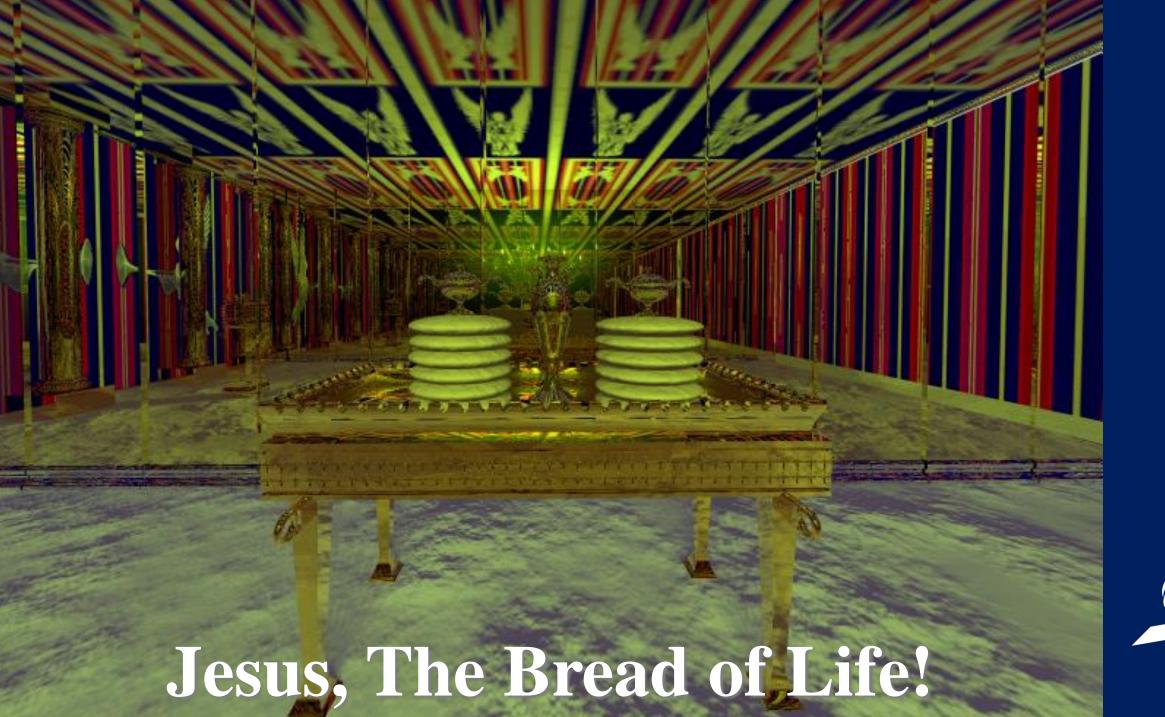






















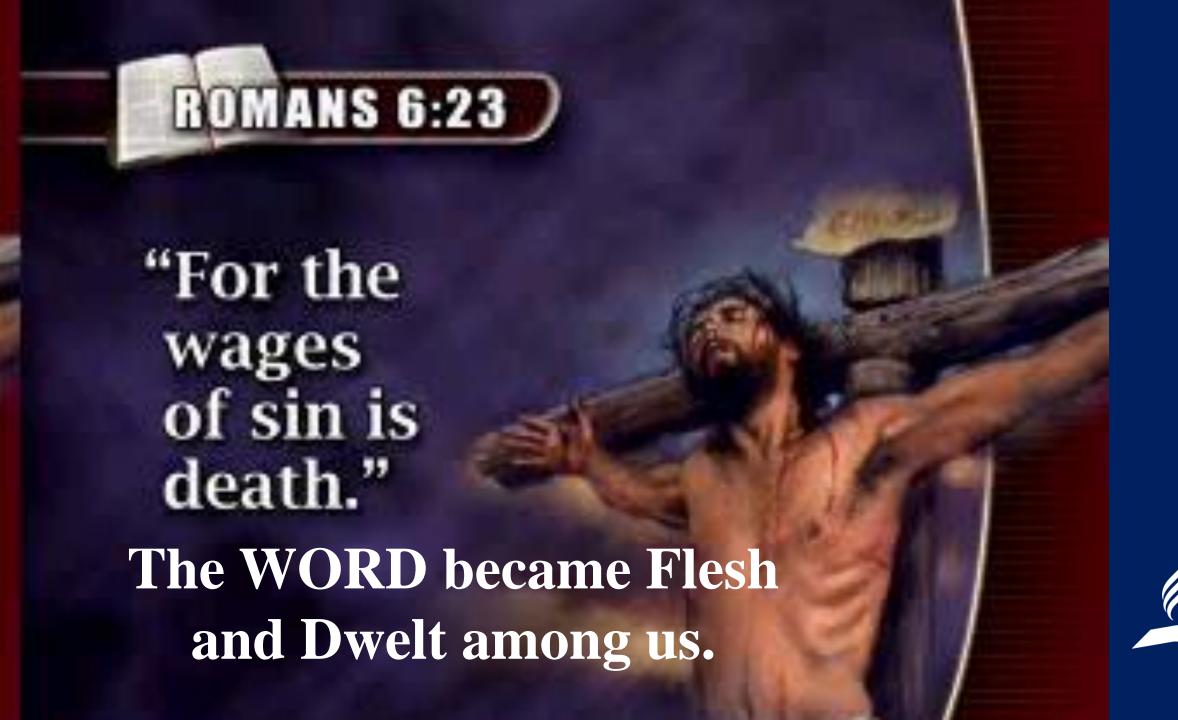




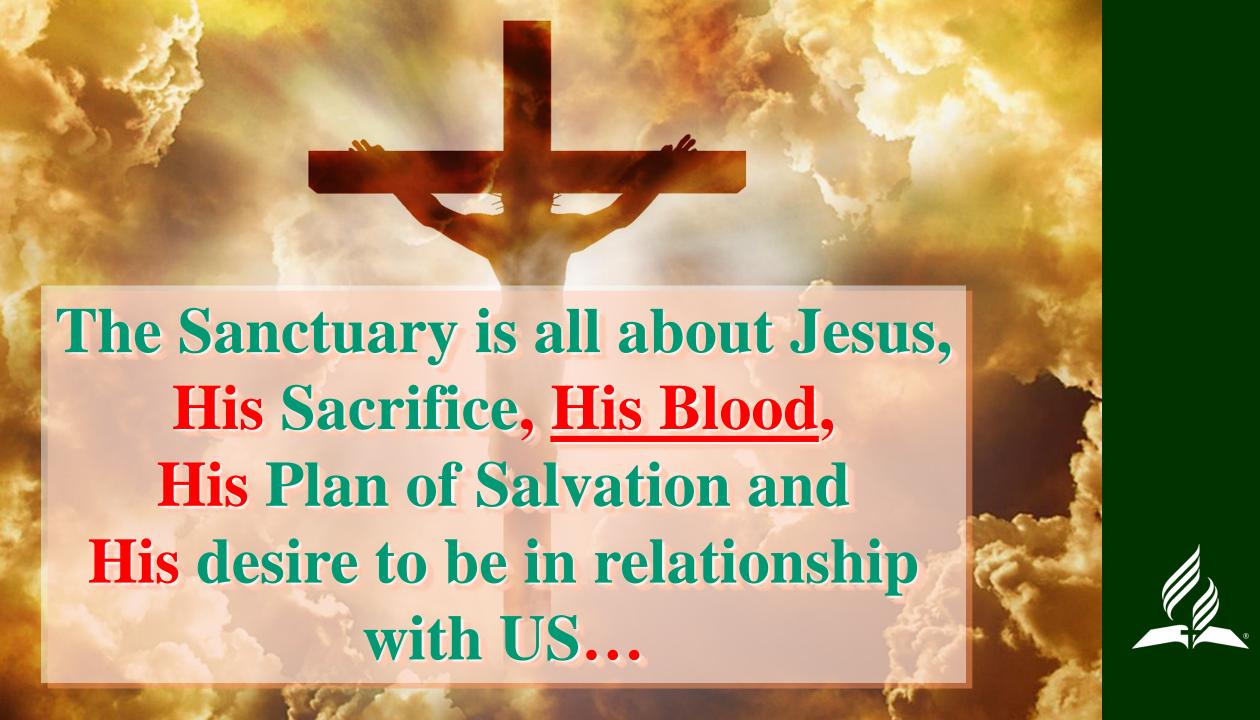








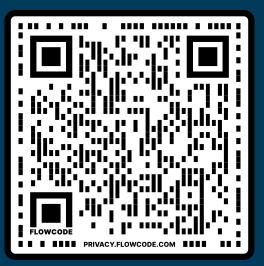




The Four Generosity Pillars

- Spiritual:
 Practical:





Temple



Revolutionary

T2-<u>Temple</u>—Body

1. Spiritual: "Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost" The individual is a temple of God, comparison to the Bible sanctuary—living temples.

2. Practical: Body—health management, natural principles of health (NEW START).

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NEW START...

Nutrition Exercise

Sunshine **Temperance** Water Air Rest Trust---in Divine Power





Nutrition (Diet)

What we eat is important.

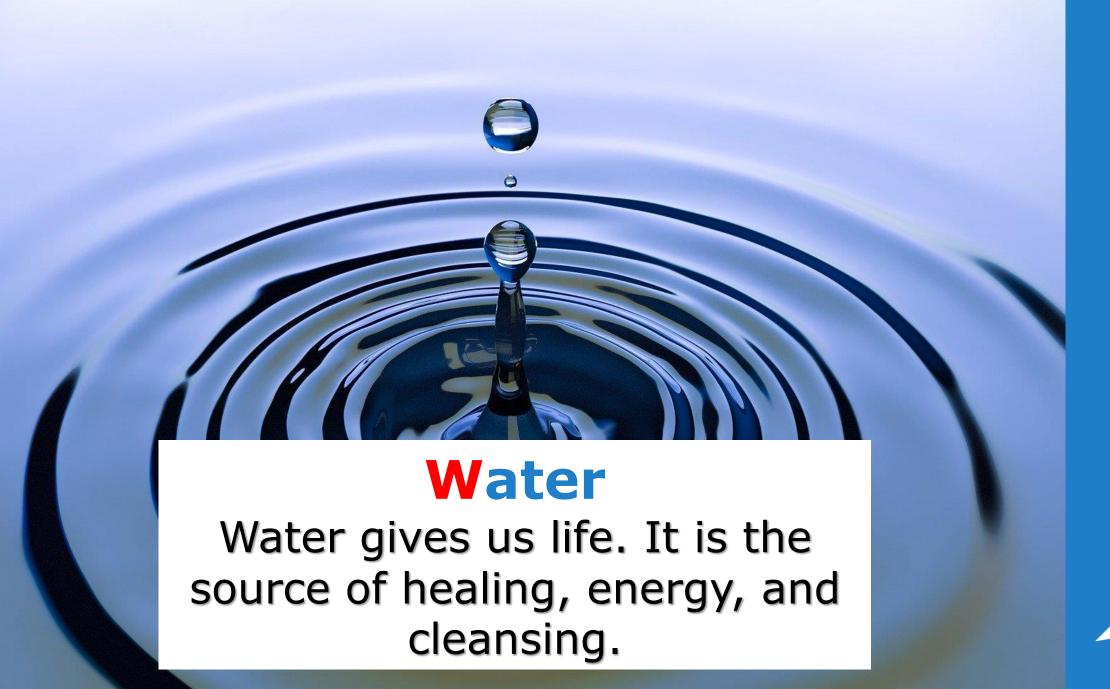




Exercise

Walking, and other forms of exercise, allow our bodies to do what they were made for.

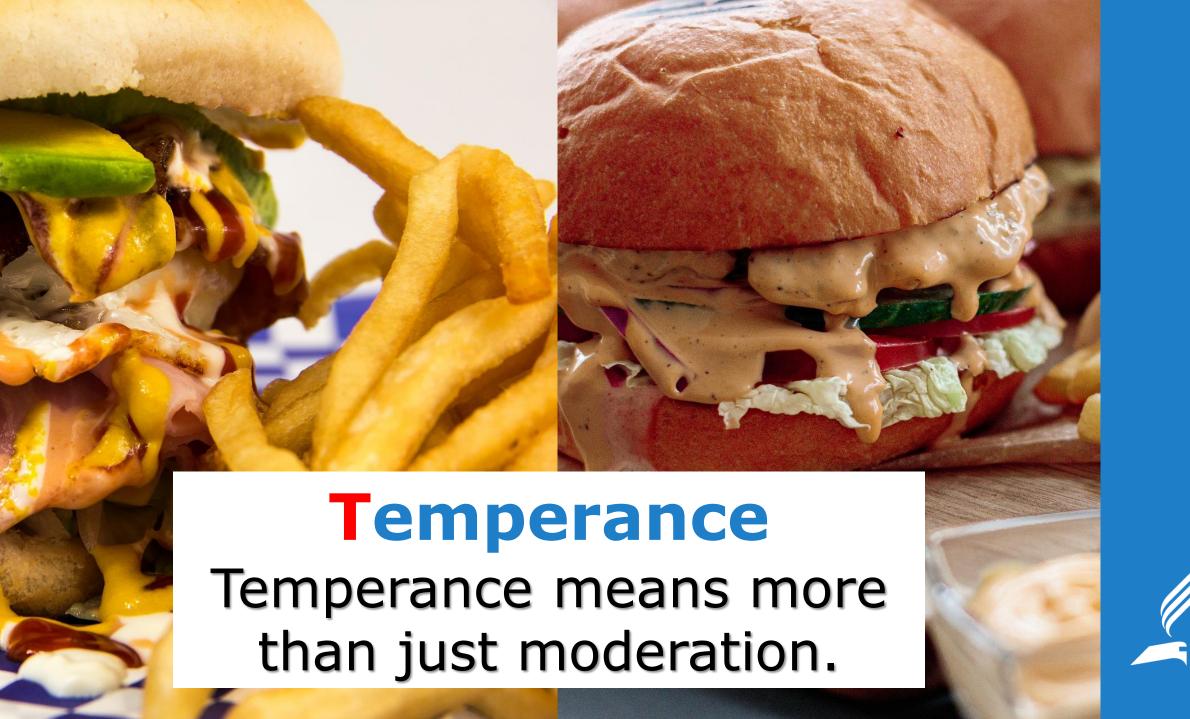
















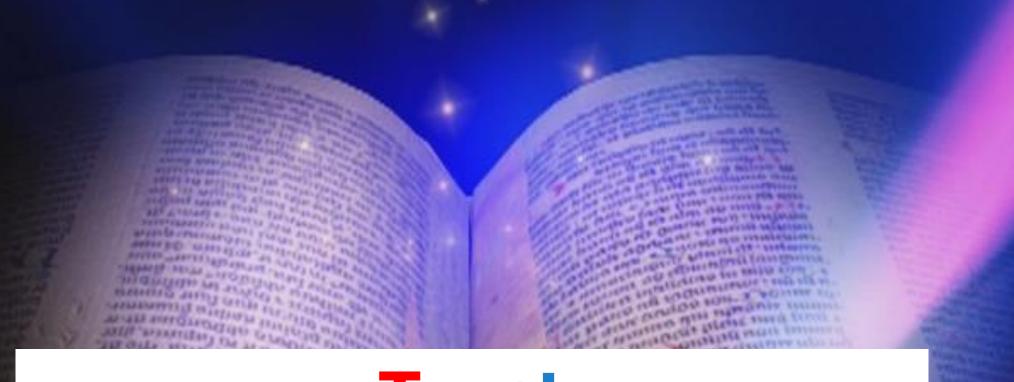


Rest

Our bodies need rest in order to function. Are you getting the right quality and quantity of rest?



Sabbath Rest also included—Spiritual Blessing



Trust

God has good plans for us, and that includes our health. Do you trust Him with your mind and your body?



NEW START...

Nutrition

Sunshine **Exercise** Temperance Water Air Rest Trust---in Divine Power

... is Also Creation Health (by Florida Conference)































72-<u>Temple</u>—Body 2 Practical: Rody

2. Practical: Body—health management, natural principles of health.

A good steward will follow a daily health plan for the improvement of life and practice consistently the eight natural principles of health.



Adventist Health Care







The Four Generosity Pillars

1. Spiritual:



Talent



T3 - Talent

Serving the Church





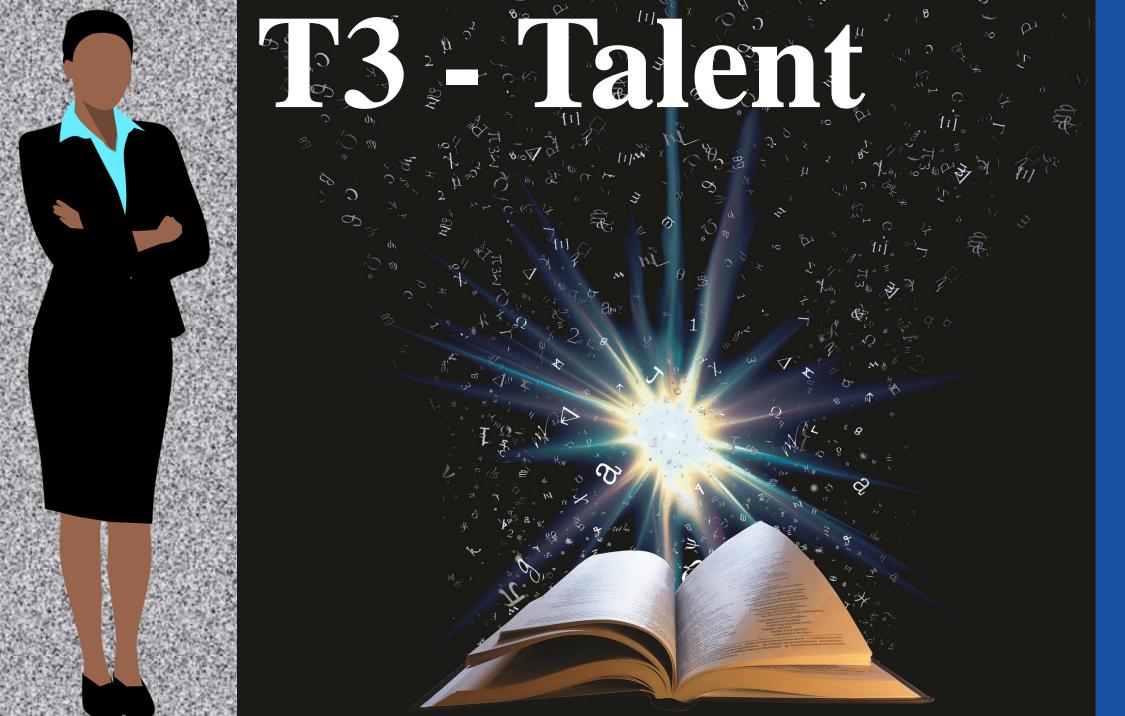






















T3 - Talent

Serving the Community







T3-<u>Talent</u>—Gifts from God.

1. Spiritual: God gives individuals gifts to do His work.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: All men (women) do not receive the same gifts, but to every servant of the Master some gift of the Spirit is promised. – (COL 327.1).





God Gives Gifts to His Family (Us)

T3-<u>Talent</u>—Gifts from God.

...We are stewards, supplied from God with talents and facilities (abilities) and placed in the world to do a work appointed by Him. Education, 137 – (AH 367.2) [facility: an ability to do or learn something well and easily—a natural aptitude]





T3-Talent—Gifts from God.

"In becoming His disciples, we surrender ourselves to Him with all that we are and have." (COL 328)



T3-Talent—Gifts from God. Other Talents: include all gifts and endowments, whether original or acquired, natural or spiritual. All are to be employed in Christ's service. In becoming His disciples, we surrender ourselves to Him with all that we are and have...

T3-Talent—Gifts from God.
Other Talents: ...These gifts He returns to us purified and ennobled, to be used for His glory in blessing our fellow men. – (COL 328.2)



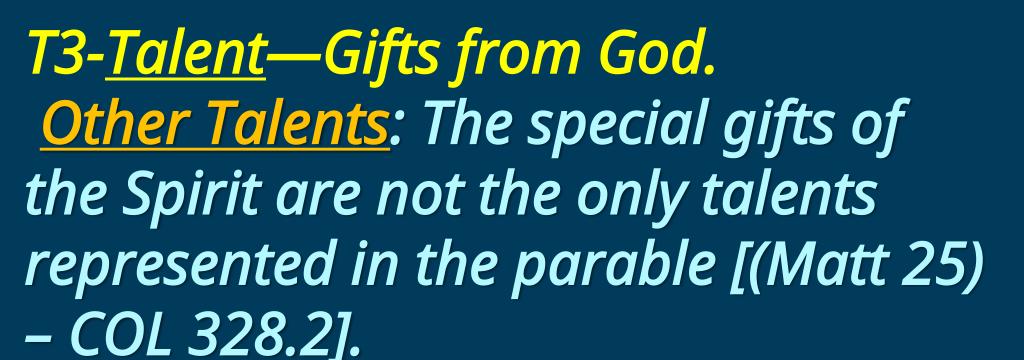
The best thing about a gift... is seeing it opened up!



YOU are the BEST gift you can give to GOD!

1 Timothy 4:14
Romans 12:1



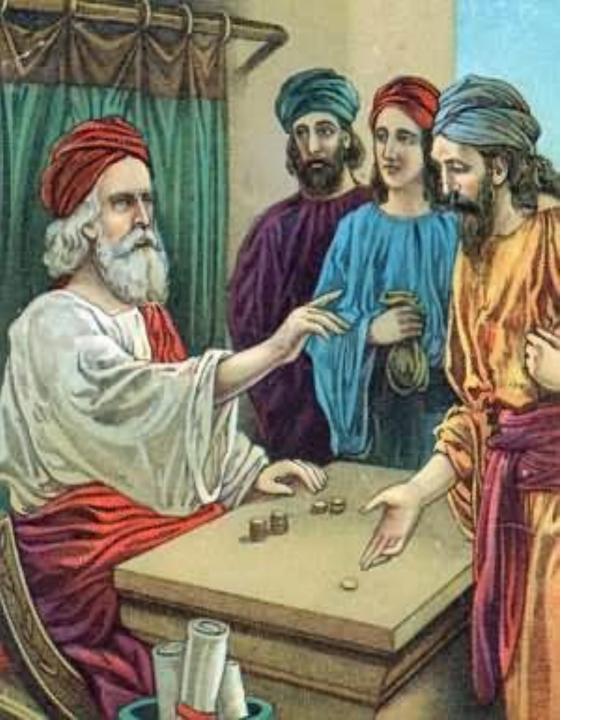


Let's review the parable and prophetic implications



How does the Judgment relate to...
the Parable of the Talents (5, 2, 1)
in Matthew 25, which is about the temporal
means (all His Stuff including Earthly Money)
that He entrusts to us?





Here's the important point:

"After a long time the lord of those servants came and

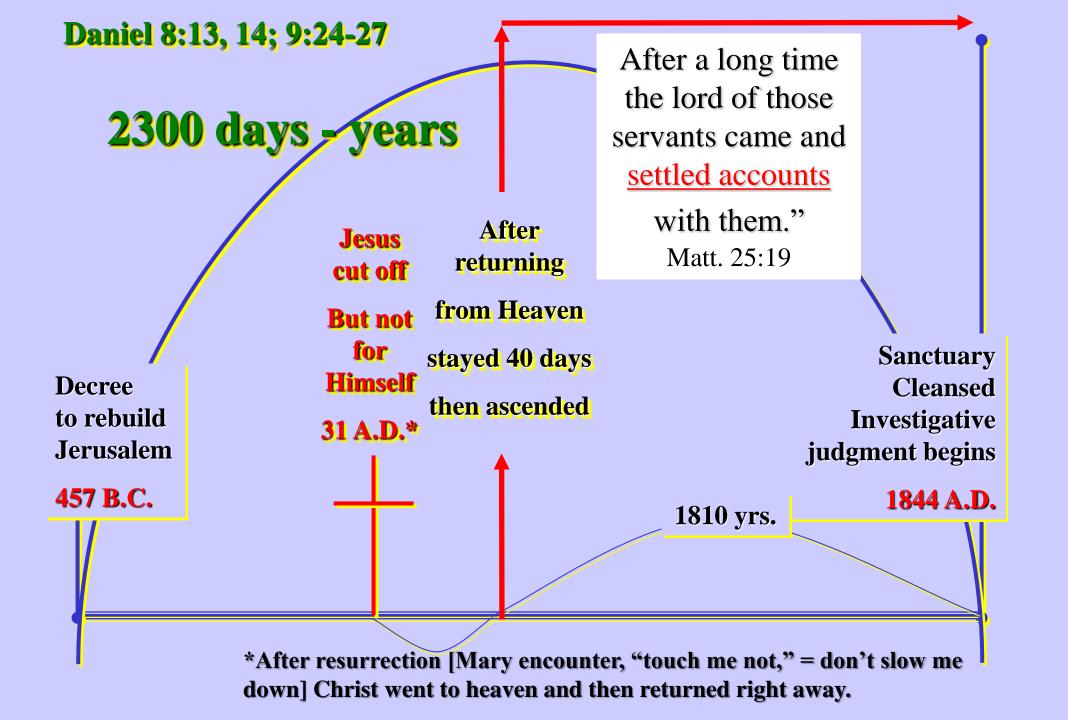
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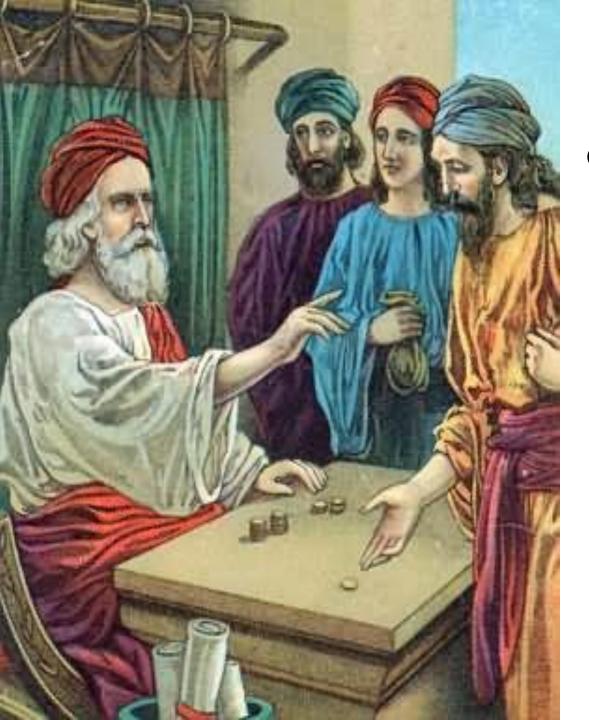
Matthew 25:19--

The Investigative Judgement!









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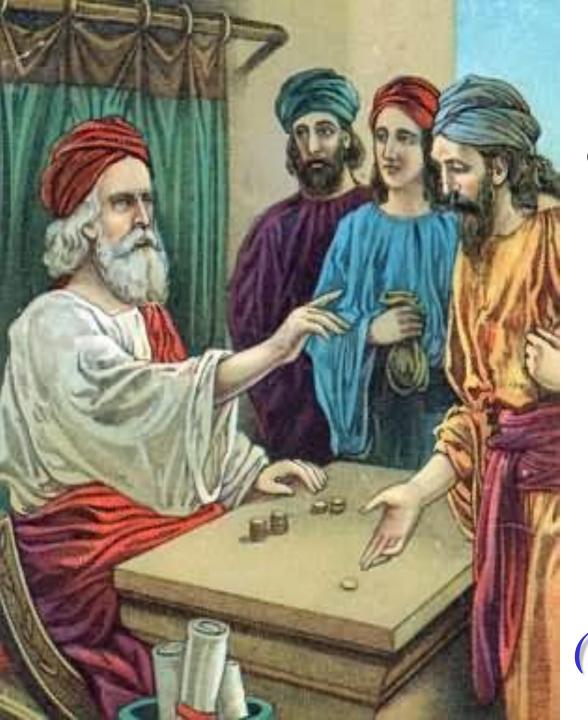
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Matthew 25:19---

The Investigative Judgement!

How did you do
with My Stuff?
(I left you in charge of it.)



JUDGMENI GOOD NEWS



This is why Christians are not worried about The Judgment.

We know that Jesus Christ is the Judge!

And we are wearing His Robe

"The (Body) Armor of Light"



"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

Rom. 13:11, 12.



The Lord is coming!



To the faithful servants he said, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."

The words, "Well done" are only spoken to those who manage (all His Stuff) in a Christian way, including Money!



The Four Generosity Pillars

- Spiritual:
 Practical:



Talent



T3 - Talent







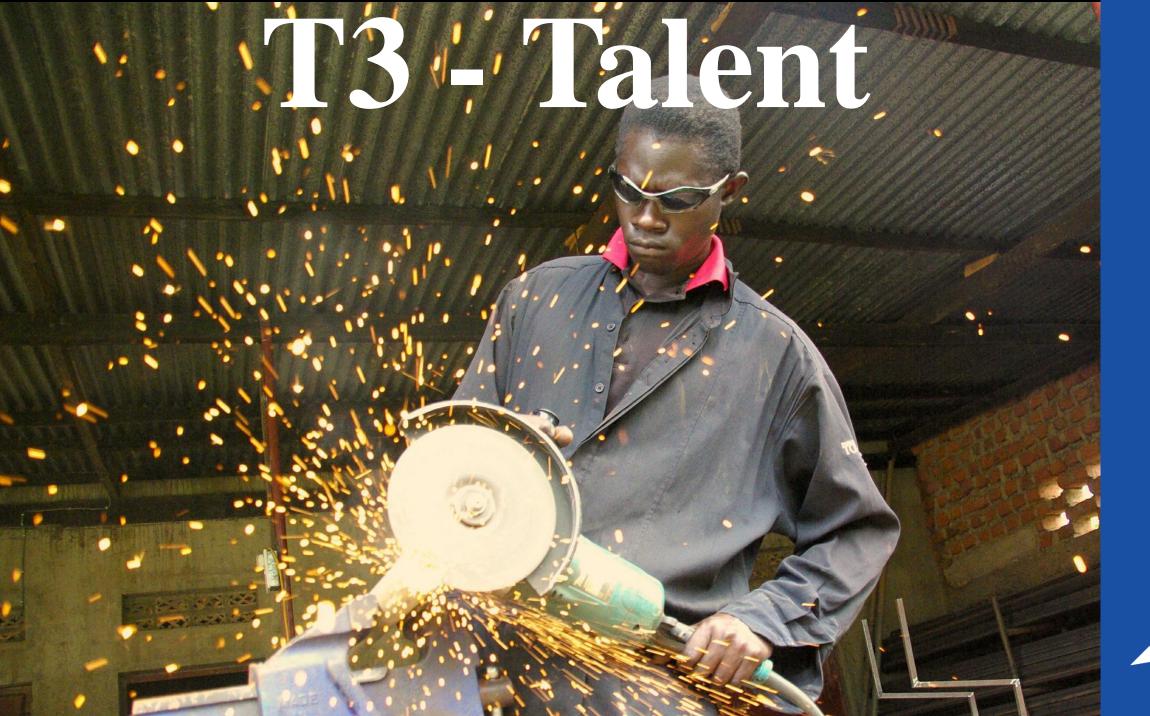
























T3 - Talent





T3 - Talent





- Spiritual:
 Practical:
- 3. Terra



Talent





T3-<u>Talent</u>—Gifts from God.

3. T3.5-Terra: we place care of the planet (Terra firma-Mother Earth) under Talents. He has given humans gifts to take care for every aspect of the planet (Stewards of the Earth), Terra (T3.5).











GOD GAVE PEOPLE AUTHORITY OVER HIS CREATION.

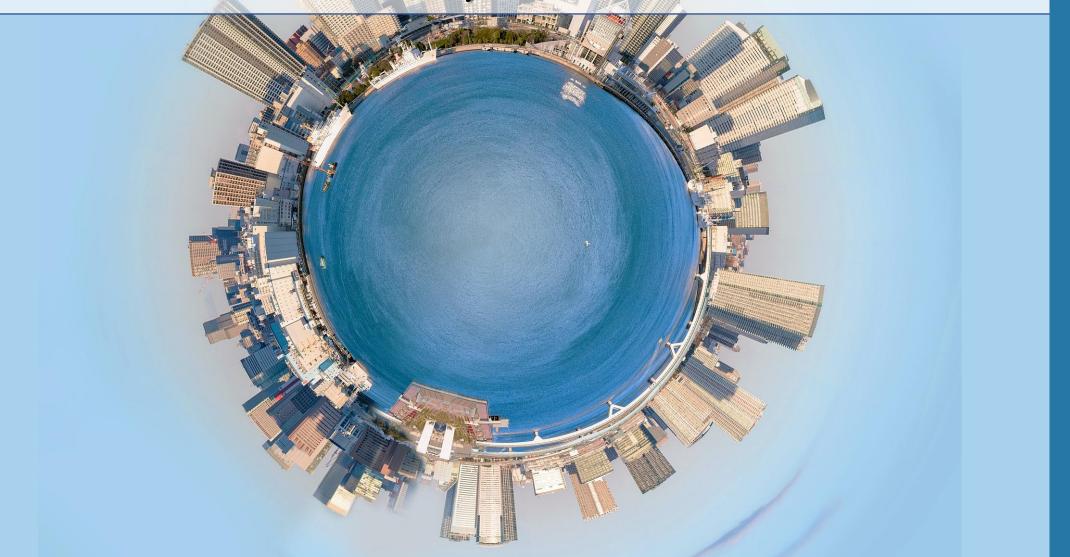








GOD WANTS US TO ENJOY WHAT HE CREATED, NOT DEFILE IT.









GOD USES HIS CREATION TO REMIND US OF HIS TRUTH.





THE EARTH IS A SHOWCASE FOR GOD'S EXISTENCE.















Treasure





HIS Treasure



1. Spiritual:



HIS Treasure



T4-(His) <u>Treasure</u>

1. Spiritual: Relationship with God through the Tithe and Offering.

2. Practical: Personal finance/Money management/Debt relief/Build wealth.



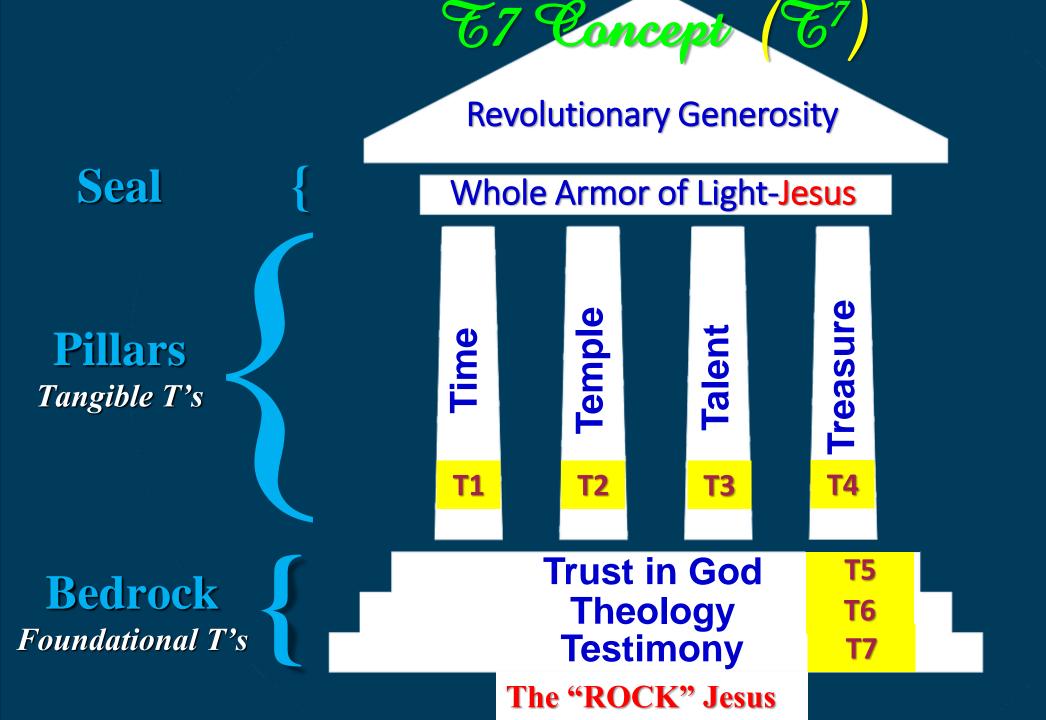
T4-(His) Treasure

1. Spiritual: Relationship with God through the Tithe and Offering.

2. Practical 80-85%: Personal finance/Money management/Debt relief/Building wealth.

We will come back to T4-(His) Treasure in a minute.







7 Concept (E7)

Bedrock
Foundational T's

Trust in God
Theology
Testimony

The "ROCK" Jesus

T5

T6

T7



The Bedrock of Generosity



Trust in God



T5-Trust in God: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..." (NIV Proverbs 3:5-6).



REVOLUTIONARY GENEROSITY STEWARDSHIP IS REALLY A LIFESTYLE

The gospel experience is the core of stewardship.

Only one who experiences the joy of forgiveness and the assurance of salvation can **trust** God enough to let Him be Lord!

(1 John 1:9 and 1 John 5:13)



The Bedrock of Generosity



Theology







Stewardship is central to Biblical Teaching. The Seventh-day Adventist Church recognizes it as one of its fundamental beliefs (#21):



FB (#21): "We are God's stewards, entrusted by Him with time and opportunities, abilities and possessions, and the blessings of the earth and its resources.

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FB (#21): "...We are responsible to Him for their proper use. We acknowledge God's ownership by faithful service to Him and our fellow human beings,

Generosity



FB (#21): "...and by returning tithe and giving offerings for the proclamation of His gospel and the support and growth of His church.



FB (#21): "Stewardship is a privilege given to us by God for nurture in love and the victory over selfishness and covetousness.



FB (#21): "Stewards rejoice in the blessings that come to others as a result of their faithfulness.

FB (#21): "...(Gen. 1:26-28; 2:15; 1 Chron. 29:14; Haggai 1:3-11; Mal. 3:8-12; Matt. 23:23; Rom. 15:26, 27; 1 Cor. 9:9-14; 2 Cor. 8:1-15; 9:7.)"

The Bedrock of Generosity



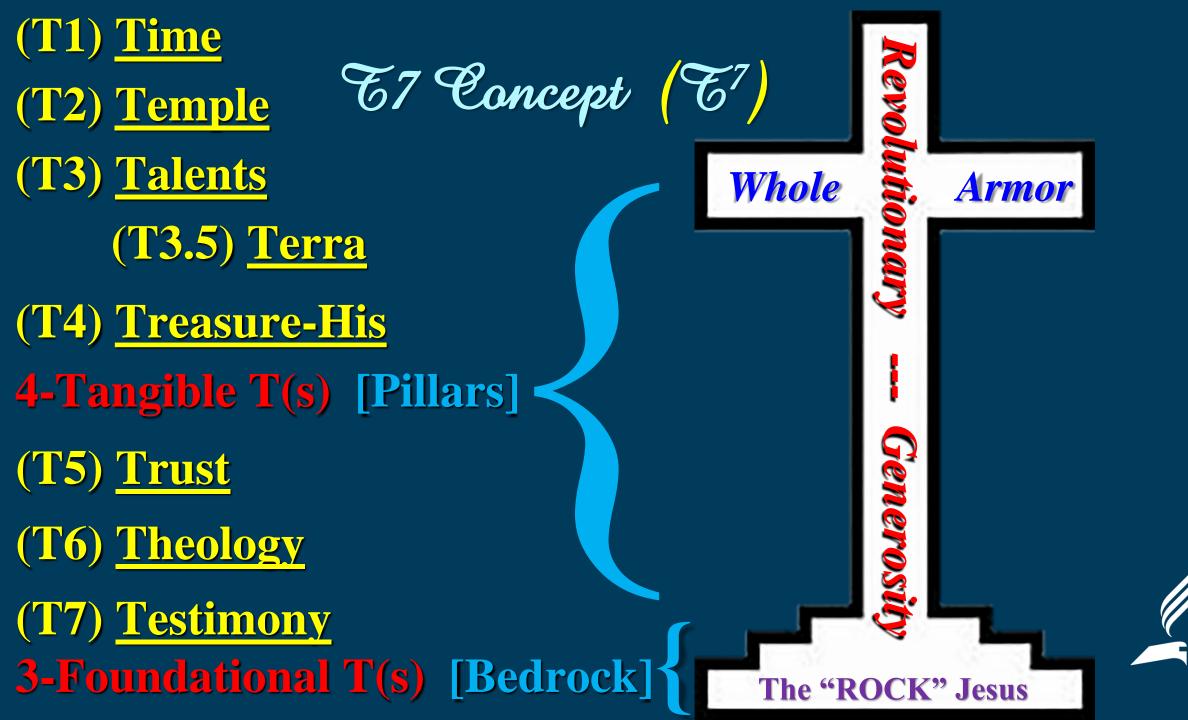
Testimony



T7-<u>Testimony</u>:

Verbalizing what God did, does, and will do.





1. Spiritual: Relationship with God through the Tithe and Offering.

Let's explore the significance of Our relationship with God through Tithe and Offering.

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1. Spiritual: Relationship with God through the Tithe and Offering.

Let's explore the significance of Our relationship with God through Tithe and Offering—God and Money.

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God Must Be First!

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Matt. 6:24







God Must Be First!

Ye cannot serve God and money (mammon).

Matt. 6:24

But you can serve God with Money!





Tithe & Offering is one way we acknowledge God's Sovereignty & His Ownership!



The Power to RETURN & GIVE

 Bring your tithe (your tenth) and offerings into His presence. "Worship in His place...in this way you will learn to live in deep reverence before God, your God, as long as you live." MSG (Deuteronomy 14:22-26)



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Since everything is God's, Yes, He Must Be First! "Seek Ye first..." Matt. 6:33

"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase..." Proverbs 3:9-10



God Must Be First! "Seek Ye first..."

- Proverbs 3:9-10
- "Honour the LORD ... "all thine increase" —The principle for returning tithe & offering on the Gross.



With all this in mind, how can a Christian Rob God?

• Malachi 3:8 ... Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.



"REVOLUTIONARY GENEROSITY"

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments

Stewardship = Relationship



"REVOLUTIONARY GENEROSITY"

• 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes (the whole tenth) into the storehouse...



Bring Your Tenth (Tithe) into (His Presence) the Storehouse

How does the "Storehouse" function in the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

T4-Treasure

How does the "Storehouse" function in the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

• The local conference office is considered the storehouse (B) for tithe within the Seventhday Adventist Church.

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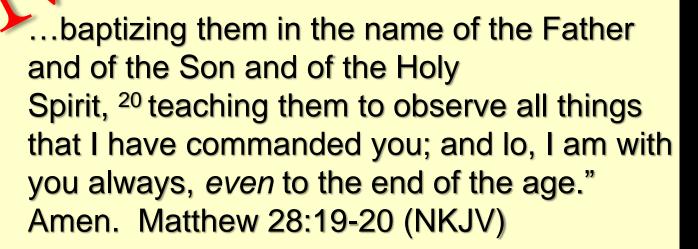
• Tithe is returned through the local congregation (Storehouse A) and then passed on to the conference... How does the "Storehouse" function in the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

...where it is distributed according to the policies voted by the world church.

Tithe & Offering is distributed so that the mission of the church can be fulfilled



19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,





The great work for the salvation of souls must be carried forward. In the tithe, with gifts and offerings, He has made provisions for this work.

—Ellen G. White Christ Object Lessons, p. 300



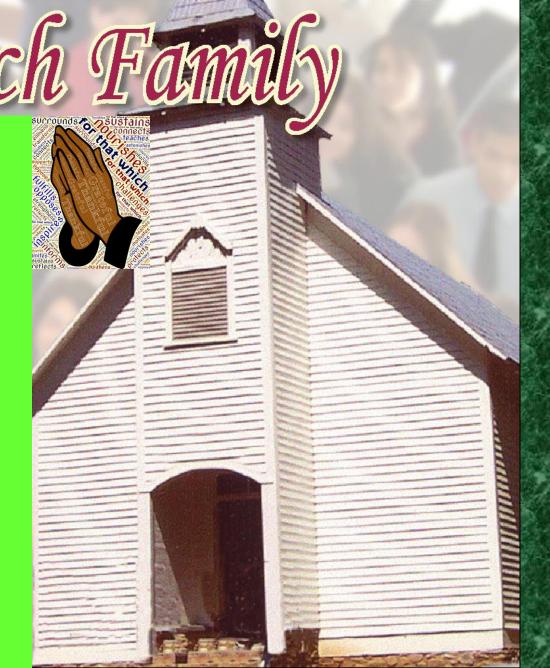
Tithe is the vehicle to move the Gospel (Unique SDA Message) around the world. Offering helps the church live out this Message and do ministry at home and in its community.

Because of our Relationship with Him



Your Church Family

Our Church is unique in that it extends far beyond this local congregation.



Your Church Family

Through the church structure, you are connected to over 21 million Seventhday Adventists worldwide...

In 202 of 230
Countries

Your Church Family ...who serve together

inviting people to know and love Jesus.



Funding The Mission

- Donor/Giver
- Church
- Conference
- Union
- Division
- GeneralConference
- Benefits to You





You Your Church

Yes! The flow (Journey) of tithe and offering (T&O) through church entities begins with you at your Local Church



You Your Church

At this point, there is an immediate benefit from the tithe to the Local Church-Full-time/Part-time Pastor(s)



You Your Church

At this point, there is an immediate benefit from the tithe to the Local Church-Teacher(s)/Principal



You Your Church

At this point, there is an immediate benefit from the tithe to the Local Church-Disaster Response



You Your Church

At this point, there is an immediate benefit from the tithe to the Local Church-Access Conf. Admin/Directors



Our Part-Funding The Mission God's Part-Blessing the Participant (Us) and His Church

You Your Church

At this point, there is an immediate benefit from the tithe to the Local Church-Access Conf/Union Services



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At this point, there is an immediate benefit from the tithe to the Local Church-Access NAD/GC Services



Your Conference

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Group of Churches

Your Conference

Journey of T&

Evangelism

Pastors

Camp Meetings

Camps

Retreat Centers

Academies/Schools

Trust Services



DISTRIBUTION &
BENEFITS OF THE
TITHE DOLLAR THAT
COMES BACK TO US IN
GOODS & SERVICES

Trust Services

Planning for Current & Future Needs

Estate Planning





As we look for the Lord's soon return, He says to **occupy** until then. Planning (T1b) is involved in this, day to day, year to year, and decade to decade; hence, it makes good sense to (1) invest wisely, (2) plan for retirement, (3) have life insurance, and (4) (through Trust Services) an estate plan, in place should we die before he comes.

Estate Planning (Planned Giving & Trust Services) is Stewardship over our current and final affairs; and it is another benefit of the Tithe dollar to members.



Our Part-Funding The Mission God's Part-Blessing the Participant (Us) and His Church

You Group of Churches – Your Conference Group of Conferences – Your Union



Your Union

You Your Church

Group of Churches – Your Conference

Group of Conferences – Your Union

Your Union: Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada

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Group of Churches – Your Conference

Group of Conferences – Your Union

Group of Conferences

Your Union

Evangelism

College/University

Union Periodical

Revolving Fund

Education

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Pastoral Development

Internet Technologies



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North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

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Evangelism

Media Ministries

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Educational Institutions

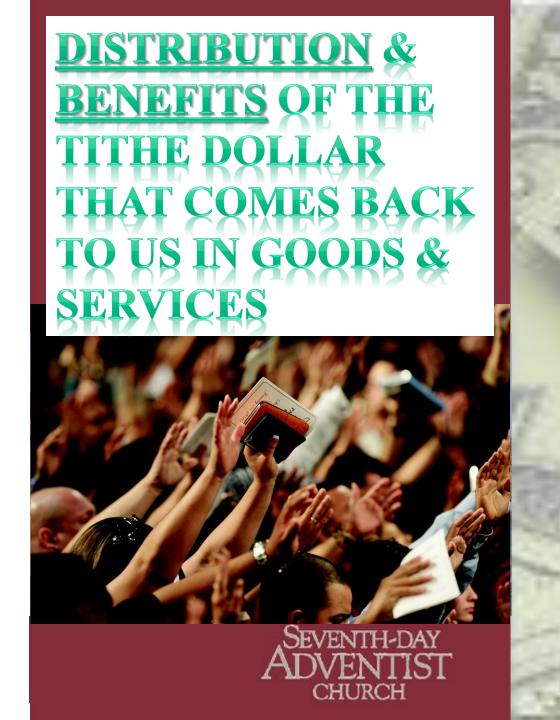
Sabbath School Resources

Advent Source: Local church resources-pathfinders adventurers, vacation Bible school, etc.

Retirement Plan

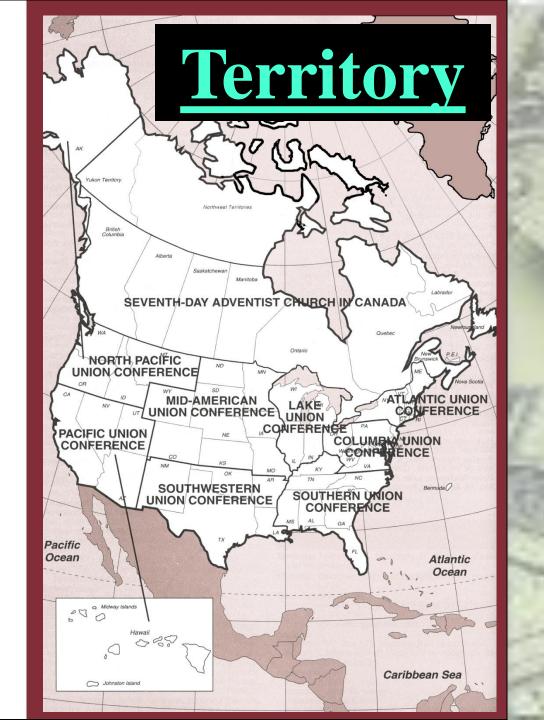
Publishing House

Free Websites



North American Division

Atlantic Union Church in Canada Columbia Union Lake Union Mid-America Union North Pacific Union **Pacific Union** Southern Union Southwestern Union



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Group of Divisions

Our General Conference

Evangelism

Missionaries

Adventist World Radio

Adventist Development and Relief Agency

Adventist Television Network

Global Mission

SS Quarterly

Adventist Review





Group of Divisions

Our General Conference

Also provides for the world field:

- a. Insurance
- b. Legal services, and
- c. Auditing/Financial accountability services







Where do tithes and offerings go? World Tithe Report

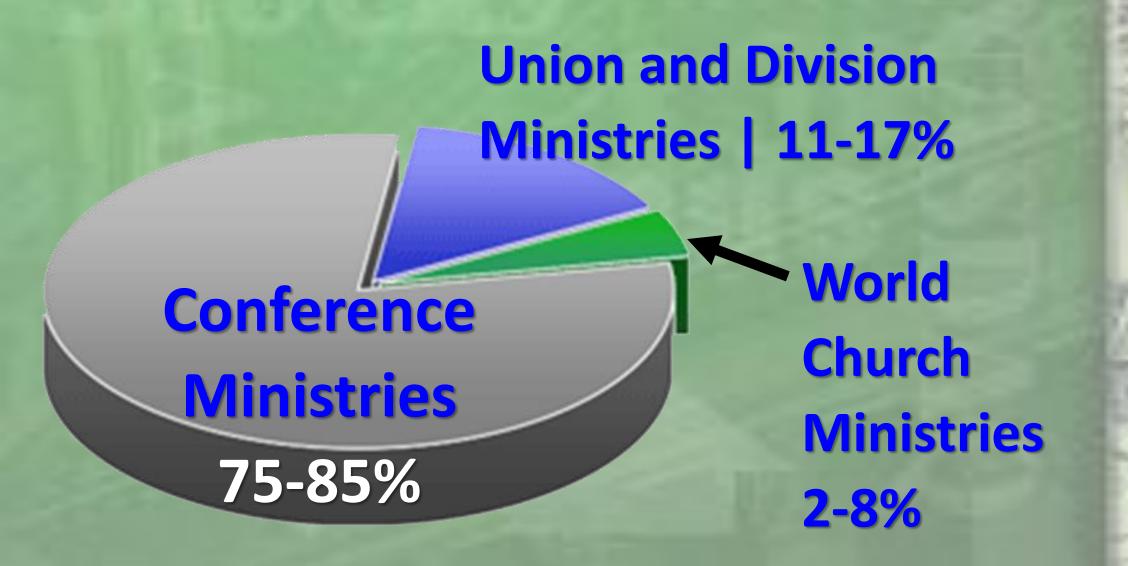
"Transparency is an absolute must in our church."

-Bob Lemon

Former General Conference Treasurer



WHERE DOES YOUR TITHE DOLLAR GO?



WHERE DOES YOUR TITHE DOLLAR GO? The Division Operates on 3 Cents



GENERAL CONFERENCE WORLD BUDGET: EXPENDITURES

Global Ministries

T&O

Fulfilling the

Gospel

Commission

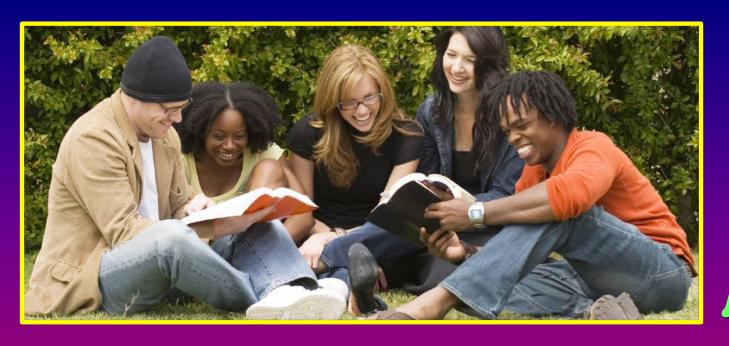
81%

General Conference
Operation
19%

With all this in mind, how can a Christian Rob God?

• Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes (the whole tenth) into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me (test me) now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that [there shall] not [be room] enough [to receive it]. T6-Theology, T5-Trust





Heaven's
Windows
are Open!
Do You
have Room?

- MALACHI 3:10 "BRING" & "PROVE ME (TEST ME)"
- 3:11 "I WILL REBUKE THE DEVOURER FOR YOUR SAKES..."

"I HAVE YOUR BACK!"



Let us RETURN a faithful tithe (10%) to God as He requires for the world work we are called to do.



Tithe is Heart Commitment & Christian Relationship Obligation



RELATIONSHIP

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John 14:15 If ye

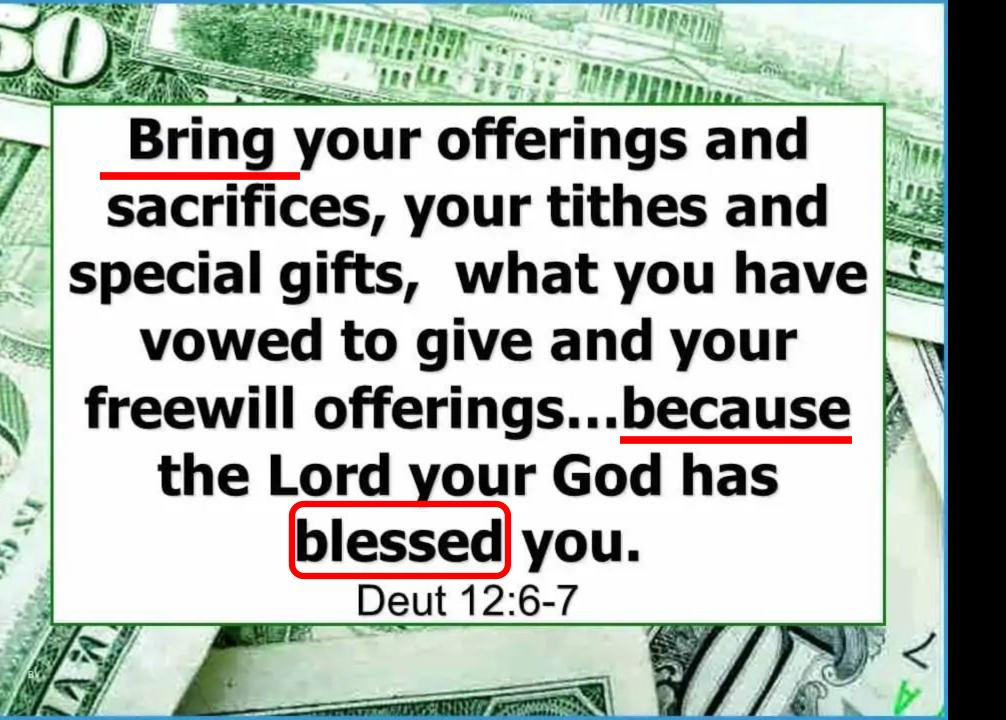
love me...



Can You Stand to Be Blessed?

What about Offering?





Giving an Offering is heart commitment, and it is based on How you have been blessed by the Lord!



This is where Giving Begins

Remember, tithing is not giving. It's a test of honesty. It's returning to God... ...what he asks.





Luke 6:38 Amplified Bible (AMP) 38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over [with no space left for more]...



Luke 6:38 Amplified Bible (AMP) ...For with the standard of measurement you use [when you do good to others], it will be measured to you in return."

-[MSG: Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."]



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Luke 6:38 Amplified Bible (AMP)

We don't give to get



John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.



Luke 6:38 Amplified Bible (AMP)

We don't give to get



This is what separates us from the "Prosperity Gospel Doctrine" where you sow a seed to get money. Give to get.



This is the reverse of what the Bible principle teaches. Based on the love of God, our response to this love is to Give...



...with no strings attached.



God Promises the response and the Blessings!



God's generosity is revolutionary and relational. It is because of our relationship with Him that we delight to partner with Him in funding the mission—the everlasting gospel to the world.



Luke 6:38 Amplified Bible (AMP)

We get to SIVe



Liberality both in spiritual and in temporal things is taught in the [true] lesson of seed sowing.



The Lord says, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." Isaiah 32:20.



"This I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6.



To sow beside all waters means a continual imparting of God's gifts. It means giving wherever the cause of God or the needs of humanity demand our aid.



This will not tend to poverty. "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."



The sower multiplies his seed by casting it away. So it is with those who are faithful in distributing God's gifts.



By imparting they increase their blessings. God has promised them a sufficiency that they may continue to give. [We get to give]



"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom," Luke 6:38.



GIVE GENEROUSLY!

- You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him....
- Deut 15:10 NSAB



2 Cor. 9:7, Each of you should give (The Lord's Offering after Returning the Lord's Tithe) what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



Generosity Brings Prosperity

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed" [Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)].



Hence, let us do more for our local church by being faithful Cheerful Givers (suggested at least 5-10% in addition to the Tithe). The local offering benefits the local church and the local community. The local ministries will die if we don't give an offering.



Giving Guide

Date December 1, 2012 ID# Name John and Jane Doe Address 100 First Street St TX Zip 70000 City Anytown Church First Adventist Church





T	ithe (10% of Income)80 \$	100.00
LOCAL	Local Church Budget102 \$ Building Fund904 \$	
CONFERENCE	Texas Vision	5
WORLD	Mission Budget	20.00
PECIAL	Ing. Hope for Humanity (Solicited)81.27 \$ Ing. Hope for Humanity (Personal)81.26 \$	1

CASH CHECK# 3842 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ 200.00

Have you remembered God's church in your will?

For information contact Trust Services Department

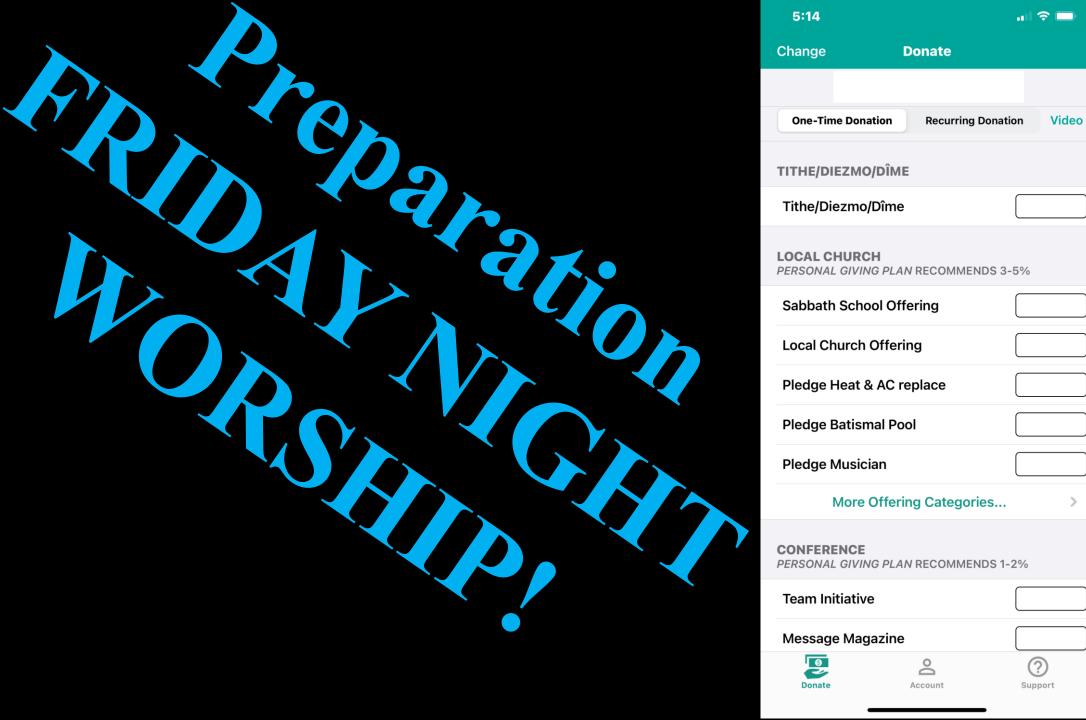
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Texas Conference Headquarters, which TITHE: This money is sion and World Headquarters. This money sends a portion to the ad mission, a ong other things. Here is a breakdown is used for operation of where the money is sent: Southwestern Union 74.2% General onference -North American Division Here is a breakdown or now the Te ference uses the tithe funds: ocal Chu l retired pastors and evangelists Departme 54% Administrative Costs - 9% Operations of the conference CHURCH BUDGE'1. his I e operations and outreach of you ey fund local church including: School psidy, utreevangelism, Sabbath School, insuring minis mo tgage, office expenses, local colocal projects. TEXAS VISION: This offering is divided ... only by Conference Projects: Academies, Church Building Lake Whitney Ranch. MISSION BUDGET: Seventy-five percent of this offering goes divisions and institutions outside North America. Twenty-five allocated to various entities listed on the tithe envelope under mission by

INGATHERING: in Texas goes to support the Texas Adventist Community Services and Disaster Response operations. Hope for Humanity funds many projects, 80% of which benefits children. Half of theses funds revert directly back to the Texas Conference for community services.

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World Church Budget	
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For Online Giving: Visit your local church "Online Giving" site	







Personal Giving Plan recommends

Team Initiative

Youth Ministries

Youth Center

Message Magazine

More Offering Categories...

CSC Debt Elimination

Pledge Heat & AC replace

Heating and air conditioning



God expects great things – I Am A Steward – Andrew Martz

Andrew was interested in start-ups from a young age and would spend his free time learning more about them. He developed an idea for his own startup and went through the same accelerator used by Airbnb and Dropbox. In that process he learned how fast things can change and seeing companies and their leaders grow. Watch more of Andrew's story to learn why he says "That applies over to all areas of your life. Including your spiritual walk. That you can improve at massive rates that you don't really think are possible until you're like, right in that... in that intense situation."



Our Part Funding The Mission

God's Part Blessing the Participant (Us) and His Church



Goods & Services returned to us.

Nissionaries | Evangelism | AWR | ADRA | ATN | Global Mission | Adventist | Review |
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In this model, you are at the top; your church organization, at all levels, is your support and foundation.

You

Your Church

Group of Churches – The Conference
Group of Conferences – The Union
Group of Unions – Our Division
Group of Divisions – The General Conference



Funding The Mission

- Donor/Giver
- Church
- Conference 75-85%
- Union -

11-17%

- Division
- General
 Conference 2-8%
- Benefits to You

Journey of Tithe & Offering

Cycle of Blessings



Windows of Heaven: Spiritual & Practical

A tithe & offering sharing system gives strength to the entire SDA World Church



RELATIONSHIP

NT

John 14:15 If ye

love me...



Revolutionary

T4-(His) <u>Treasure</u>

1. Spiritual: Relationship with God through the Tithe and Offering.

2. Practical: Personal finance/Money management/Debt relief.

Generosu

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2. Practical 80-85%: Personal finance/Money management/Debt relief/Building wealth.

The Four Generosity Pillars

- Spiritual:
 Practical:



HIS Treasure



T4-(His) <u>Treasure</u> 1.Spiritual: Relationship with God through the Tithe and Offering.

2. Practical 80-85%: Personal finance/Money management/Debt relief/Building wealth.











LIVE WITHIN YOUR INCOME!

• There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man (woman) spendeth it up. Proverbs 21:20 KJV







Learn how to manage the money God allows you to make now. And you can become wealthy in Jesus. It's OK!





Here's a Quick

MONEYHACK

Eating out vs. Eating at home

· Luke 12:15, "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot." --Message Bible





Those who live to bless others will have blessings heaped upon them, and the one who pours out his life to pour out blessings will be saturated with favor!

Proverbs 11:24-25



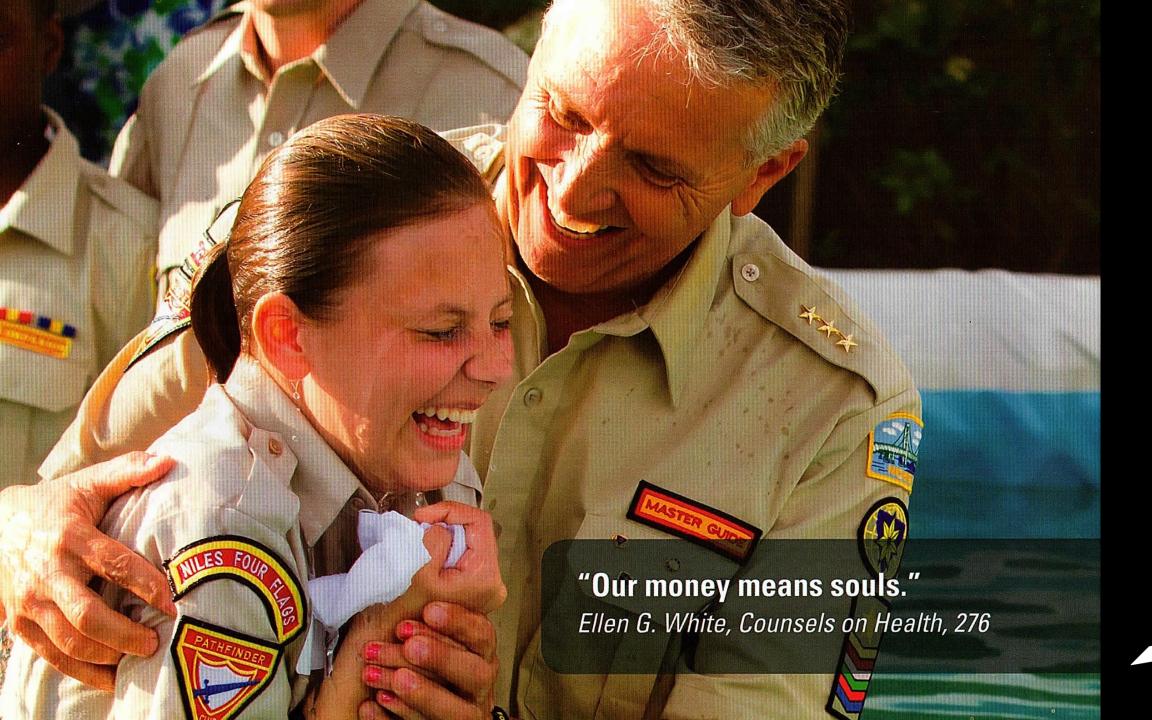
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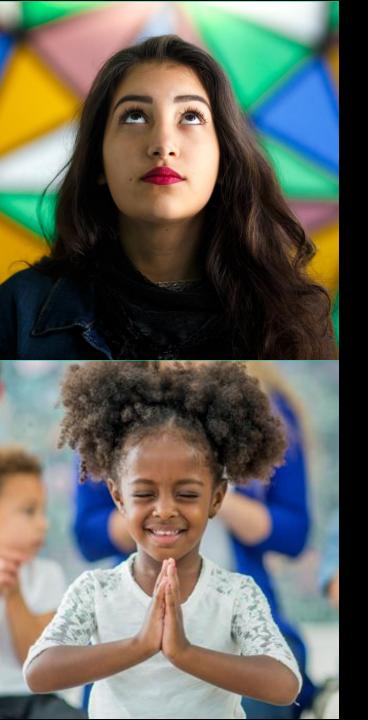






This is our worldwide Church. Hence, together we do more. United we stand divided we





So, in prep for His Coming, we are responsible and accountable for <u>all the possessions of God he has left in our care to Manage</u>.

Whether rich or poor,
Man, Woman, Boy, or Girl,
is born into this world,
a MANAGER (Steward) of God.

[Good Steward? Or Bad? Our Choice!]

The earth is the Lord's.



My Stewardship Commitment

- ☐ To set apart the first moments of each day to commune with the Lord through PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY. Other spiritual activities could include the Sabbath School lessons, Ellen White's writings, and Family Worship.
- To improve my <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u> by growing in faithfulness, forgiveness, and principled love.
- To establish or strengthen <u>HEALTHY HABITS</u> that will enable me to better serve the LORD.
- To spend time each week in <u>SERVICE</u>, spreading the good news to others through Bible studies, small groups, etc.
- To keep and enjoy the blessings of the SABBATH by preparing for it, honoring its boundaries and engaging in right thoughts and activities.
- ☐ To faithfully <u>RETURN TITHE</u> to the Lord (10 percent of my income).
- ☐ To dedicate a regular portion or percentage of my income as FREEWILL OFFERINGS and other meaningful GIFTS to the Lord.



Let nothing be between my soul and the Savior

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Stewardship... It Really Is a Relationship!

Stewardship is Whole **Entire** Life Management

Spiritual & Practical







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CONSECRATION by Elder G. Alexander Bryant

Dr. Donnett Blake



Is there an expert you would recommend as a presenter for the 2023 Educators' Convention?

RECOMMEND A PRESENTER

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Exhibitor Registration Opens—Start your registration today

NOTE:

If you are an educator employed within the NAD EC-12 system, you will be registered by your Union or Conference.





Resources TOODOX





www.nadstewardship.org | stewardship@nadadventist.org

Click links to retrieve resources



Stewardship Articles by Michael Anthony Harpe

Stewardship-Revolutionary-Generosity-Life Management

How to create a Missional Budget

The New Normal and Stewardship

Stewardship Marginalized

A Few Stewardship Sermons

Why We Bring the Tithe by Patrick Vincent Living in Denial by Randy Maxwell Finding Contentment by Ruber J. Leal Heaven's Math by Randy Robinson In the Father's Heart by Dan Solis

Of Assets and Attitudes by Karl Haffner
Takers, Traders, and Investors by Gerry Christman
Counterfeit Convictions by James Lewis



Use in a small group setting or share in the transition between Sabbath School and church. https://vimeo.com/ showcase/5525909



Online Giving Article

AdventistGiving Online Instructions

AdventistGiving Promo



Stewardship Nuggets by Scott Haakenson. These videos cover topics like what happens to your tithe; experiencing God through stewardship; and how to best manage your time, talents and treasure.

Tithe

The weekly offertory readings:

The <u>Over & Over Again stories</u> all have a stewardship focus and are available to read online. Just click the links under Volume 1 and Volume 2 to read the stories.



GC Tithing Principles and Guidelines

This document was originally published in October 1984 and has been updated with references to the 1990 edition of the Church Manual.



Tithing in the Writings of Ellen G. White: also available to purchase.



In Search of the Storehouse

G. Edward Reid looks at the storehouse question from several points of view to come to a concise answer for today's Christian steward.



Tithing in the new testament. & the Christian Church: also available to purchase.



Commitment cards NAD & GC



16 Ways to Increase Giving (for Pastors)



<u>Stewardship Motivations</u>, a 2013 report from a survey of NAD Adventists regarding giving.



Offerings:

Adventist Mission has many <u>resources about mission offerings</u> including <u>Mission Spotlight</u> and <u>Mission360</u>. This video, <u>A Life-Giving River</u>, does an excellent job explaining what mission offerings, tithe, and local offerings are, and how they are used.

"You may be surprised to learn that your weekly mission offerings help support the work of about 400 missionary families around the world. In fact, 70% of the weekly mission offerings each quarter helps to support overseas missionaries and the international work of the church."

Read a transcript of the video here.



You may also want to share this article by Gary Krause, Greased Wheels and a Mission River, in the latest issue of Dynamic Steward.



Malcolm Douglas shares, "I. Preached for Six Months on How Jesus Gave All," a story of how his church went from being fiscally in trouble to blessing their community.



This website has resources for Sabbath School Investment and includes "A Year's Worth of Bulletin Messages."

Where Does My Offering Go?

These <u>short instructional videos</u> explore how offerings like <u>local church budget</u> are used. View on YouTube and Vimeo. They are available for download on Vimeo.



13th Sabbath Offering



Birthday Thank



Christian Record Services



Conference Advance



Local Church Budget



Mission Investment



Sabbath School Mission



Women's Ministries



World Budget

Personal Finance



Here are links to the personal finance seminar <u>Faith and Finance</u>. Please consider this permission to print off copies of the Participant's guide and Leader's guide. Also, you are welcome to share the links and permission with others in your field.

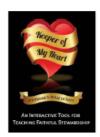
Participant Guide
Leaders Guide
Faith and Finance Seminar Videos on YouTube
Purchase at AdventSource (also available in Spanish)







Women sometimes feel insufficient. This series is designed especially for wormen, Insufficient, includes videos featuring women and talking about stewardship topics.



A six-part series, *Keeper of My Heart*, can be <u>purchased on DVD</u>. It covers lots of aspects of stewardship, the mind, body, and soul, and features a mix of talking, dramatized true stories, and discussion points. It is designed to be used by small groups.





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It is difficult to be generous with God and others while oppressed by the burden of debt. Watch this short clip from the Stupid Money TV program and access this form that will help you develop your debt-free plan and experience the joy of being released from that financial bondage!

This page is intended as information, not legal advice. Each individual is responsible for their own finances.



Children

Stewardship Stories for Children

If I couldn't Sing A Trip to Aunt Sarah's God's Faithful Servant You're Hired God's Kids



Teach stewardship with the <u>Pathfinder honor about stewardship</u>. There is also an <u>Adventurer "Wise Steward" award</u> for younger children.



Many children's activities can be found at the Stewardship Jack website.

The Stewardville Children's Church kit and others materials can be purchased from <u>AdventSource</u>. This is the link to the <u>Stewardville kit</u>. Items from the kit can also be purchased separately. The <u>Stewardville Daily Times</u> is available to download.

Stewardship Jack book series

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NAD Stewardship Ministries has produced activity books for children:

Teaching Stewardship with <u>Active Learning</u> Environmental <u>Activities</u> Puzzles I am a Steward – <u>Grades 2-4</u> Grades K-1 Activity Book



<u>The Mysterious Note</u> can be purchased as a DVD or streamed online.

The Mysterious Note Teaching Guide



Smoky Mountain Rescue (book)

The book was adapted into a series of short videos (about six to 10 minutes each) and can be viewed here: https://www.smokymountainrescue.org/
There is also a teaching guide available.

Older children

Our resources for teens are thin, but we're working on developing those. Currently, we have a booklet called "Life Management" which can be obtained upon request. It is also applicable to college-age students.

Mel Rees Institute

Mel Rees was a leading writer and proponent of stewardship education in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination during the second half of the 20th century. The Mel Rees Papers provides a good sample of many of his writings on this topic. His writings were translated into various languages for use around the world.

The North American Division Stewardship Department was instrumental in placing a collection of Mel Rees' works in the Center for Adventist Research. Portions of this collection are located on the NAD Stewardship Department's web page. The collection is also available on the Adventist Digital Library.

Putting God First is the ultimate fundamental principle as Christian stewards. Matthew 6:33 admonishes us, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Seeking "God First" begins with our daily personal communion with Him and filters to every area of our life, even to our finances. Here are seven key areas in which we can put God First.



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You may also be interested in other resources that can be found on our website: www.nadstewardship.org

The General Conference Stewardship Department has many resources on its website and social media sites.

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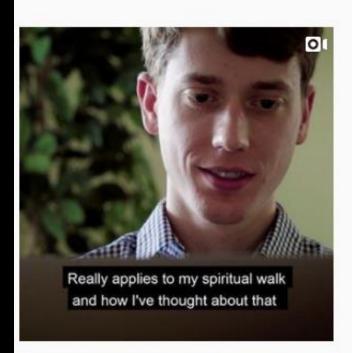
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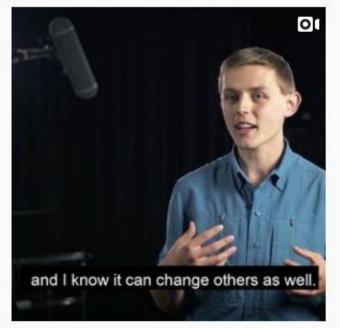
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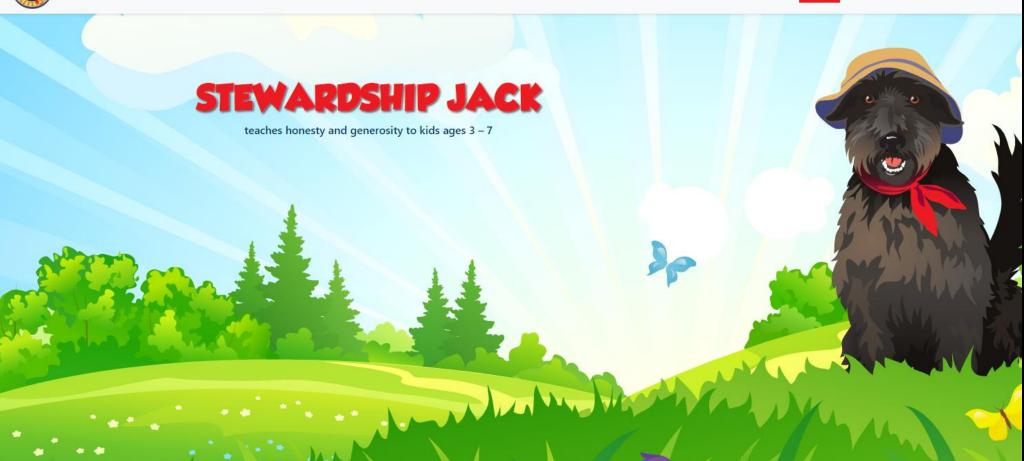




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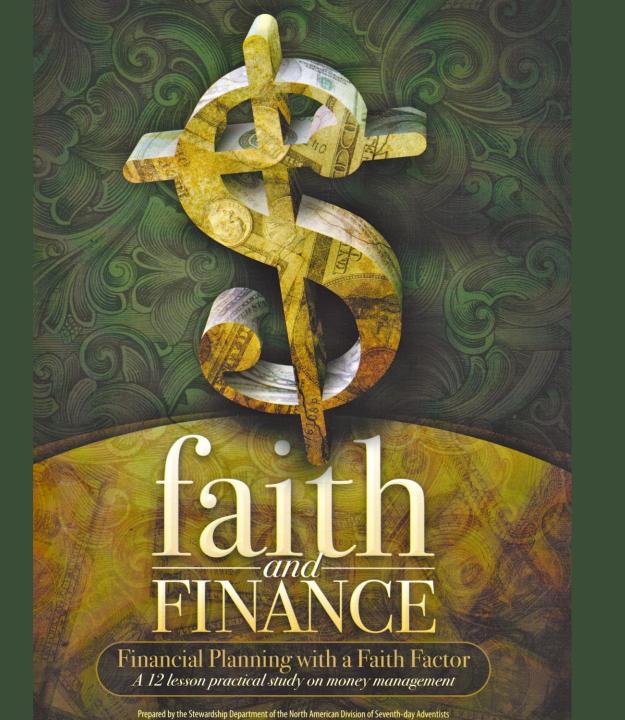




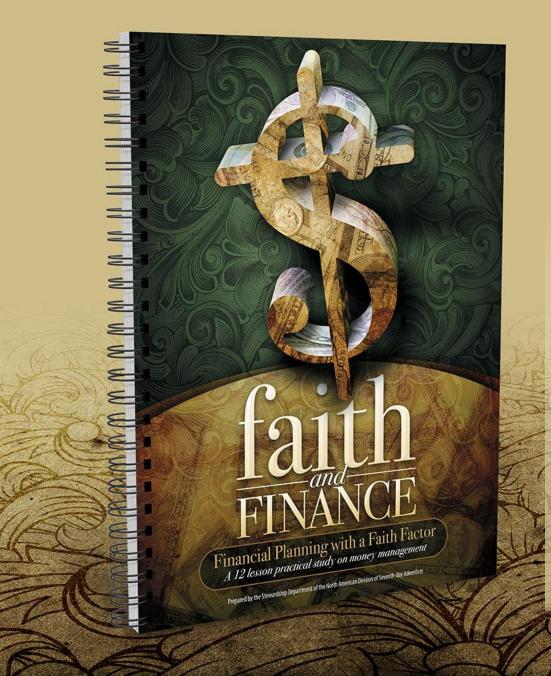












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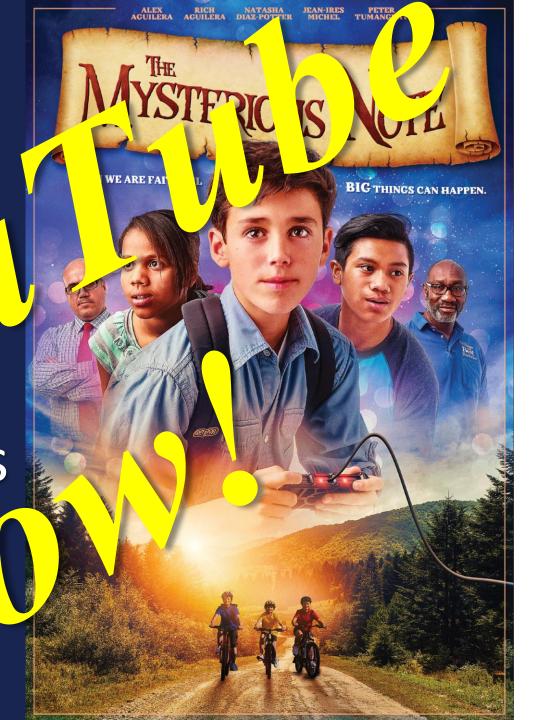
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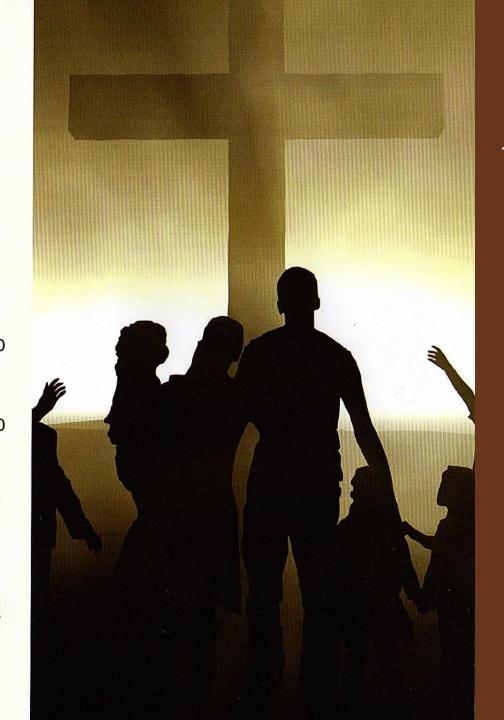


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My Stewardship Commitment

- To set apart the first moments of each day to commune with the Lord through PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY. Other spiritual activities could include the Sabbath School lessons, Ellen White's writings, and Family Worship.
- To improve my <u>RELATIONSHIPS</u> by growing in faithfulness, forgiveness, and principled love.
- To establish or strengthen <u>HEALTHY HABITS</u> that will enable me to better serve the LORD.
- To spend time each week in SERVICE, spreading the good news to others through Bible studies, small groups, etc.
- To keep and enjoy the blessings of the SABBATH by preparing for it, honoring its boundaries and engaging in right thoughts and activities.
- ☐ To faithfully <u>RETURN TITHE</u> to the Lord (10 percent of my income).
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