

## Bibliography

Abingdon Press. *Irresistible Invitation Leader's Guide with DVD*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2008.

*See [Irresistible Invitation entry](#). Part of the resources for this 40 day study in stewardship. This is the leader's guide for Sunday lessons. I cannot speak for the quality of the DVD. A Youtube promo is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H77VKowvV8Q>.*

Alcorn, Randy. *The Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving*. Sisters, OR: Multnomah Publishers, Inc., 2001.

*Timothy Bates has used this and likes it. It is a really quick read, and might be a good weekly study in Sunday school. Good scriptural foundation. Can run a bit toward "prosperity gospel."*

Christian Smith, Michael O. Emerson. *Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

*If you want to know what the research says about American Christian's giving patterns, this is a great book. Smith is an excellent writer and easily communicates his research findings. This is the only current resource I found that has this information. It dispels a good number of mythologies on why people don't give and provides some good fodder for sermon/teaching illustrations.*

Christopher, J. Clif. *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2008.

*I haven't read this closely, but I really liked the summary in his other book. From my study, I think he raises some really interesting points on making stewardship issues more transparent and helping get more people responsible for the issue. Many of his points are highly controversial...though they make good sense.*

J. Clif Christopher. *Whose Offering Plate Is It? New Strategies for Financial Stewardship*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2010.

*This is a shortened version of the previous book in question answer form. Browsing through it will give you a good idea of his perspective.*

Dean R. Hoge, et. al. *Money Matters: Personal Giving in American Churches*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1996.

*A different study on giving that is a bit dated now. More denominational focus in the study and some interesting conclusions. If you are going to read a study, I'd read Smith.*

Dunnam, Maxie D. *Irresistible Invitation: Responding to the Extravagant Heart of God*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2008.

*A collection of essays that would probably make an excellent 40 day study. Dunnam is a good story teller and the book is inspiring. Probably would be best used as a stewardship focus in congregations that already have a strong tradition. Might hold promise for "discipleship" study for congregations who do not have a strong stewardship program. Stewardship issues are not addressed until the very end.*

Durall, Michael. *Creating Congregations of Generous People*. Herndon, VA: Alban Institute, 1999.

*I recommend this book. Durall walks a congregation through the transformation of "supporting the budget" to being "generous givers." It is practical and has specific steps to move a church forward. It is also solidly reformed and grounded in good theology. It has some new ways to communicate information to the congregation that I have seen nowhere else that I think are helpful. (p. 72 for example)*

Felder, Tom. *The Tithing Principle: Understanding Why We Give*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2011.

*Don't waste your money.*

Gentile, Carol Cartmill and Yvonne. *Serving From the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service*.

*Interesting concept. No idea if it is good. Some day we'll be able to preview DVDs.*

Green, William C. *52 Ways to Ignite Your Congregation...Generous Giving*. Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press, 2010.

*I don't really understand his 52 ways, but I think his narrative is really strong material for sermon illustrations.*

Grimm, Eugene. *Generous People: How to Encourage Vital Stewardship*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1992.

*Solid information but extraordinarily basic, and it seems a bit behind the times. Better sources are out there.*

Hall, Douglas John. *The Steward: A Biblical Symbol Come of Age*. New York: Friendship Press, 1982.

*This is a classic work and a great discussion of reclaiming the idea of living as a steward. It is a bit of a slog...not an easy read, but solidly grounded in scripture and the perspective of stewardship extending into every aspect of our lives. Not, however, a how-to or suggested reading for a committee.*

Hudnut-Beumler, James. *Generous Saints: Congregations Rethinking Ethics and Money*. Alban Institute 1989.

Hudnut-Beumler, James. *In Pursuit of the Almighty's Dollar: A History of Money and American Protestantism*. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, 2007.

*History of giving from the beginnings of our country. Interesting and depressing. Don't be discouraged if you don't make huge progress with a stewardship campaign. We've never done this well. If you like history, this is a good one.*

John Ortberg, Laurie Pederson, Judson Poling. *Giving: Unlocking the Heart of Good Stewardship*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2000.

*This is a great study on stewardship. I found the questions for discussion good. It is both individual and communal in nature. The "study" includes sermons from great speakers. This one I will use.*

Kerry Patterson, et. al. *Influencer*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2008.

*This has nothing to do with stewardship, but is an interesting look at how to “change” an organization. I recommend this one as well. My summary of their main points is available if you want to take one.*

Lane, Charles R. *Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Press, 2006.

*Randy Hall uses this book and recommended it to me. I find it helpful, especially in cultural terms of what people expect when they give. We, as church, do a particularly poor job on the thank and tell side and this book helps focus on that.*

Lawson, Douglas M. *Give to Live: How Giving Can Change Your Life*. La Jolla, CA: ALTI Publishing.

*The focus of this book is giving charitably, not just church giving, but the fundamentals are the same. If you have unlimited funds and time, it's got some good material, but if you are limited, there are better resources out there.*

LeBlanc, Douglas. *Tithing: Test Me in This*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2010.

*A new title at Cokesbury that is not reformed in the least. There is a good deal of information and biblical text on tithing, but I do not recommend it.*

Levan, Christopher. *The Dancing Steward: Exploring Christian Stewardship Lifestyles*. Toronto, Ontario: The United Church Press, 1993.

*This book is focused on the individual lifestyle more than on “church.” It would be a great resource for a congregant seeking to deepen their lifestyle.*

Meeks, M. Dougl. *God the Economist: The Doctrine of God and Political Economy*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1989.

*A theology tome that makes the case that God's perspective has always been economic at its heart. It looks interesting, but I have only skimmed it.*

Michael Reeves, Jennifer Tyler. *Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving, Program Guide*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2011.

*This is the 2011 stewardship campaign from the Methodist church. It is a complete program and very detailed from start to finish. The content is sound and if you are looking for details in a campaign, details you get.*

Miller, Herb. *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2007.

*Carl Utey has used this with the Oak Ridge congregation and they have enjoyed it. Again, this is a “program” for stewardship in a congregation. The focus is definitely on giving generously as a spiritual practice (not just meeting the budget). Sharing the pulpit with guest speakers may be helpful for stewardship campaigns in some churches.*

Mosser, David N. *The Stewardship Companion: Lectionary Resources for Preaching*. Louisville, K: Westminster John Knox, 2007.

*Commentary on the lectionary focused on stewardship. I think you could probably do the same without buying the book. It strikes me that he just substituted the word "steward" for the word Christian or disciple. If you can't even imagine how every text might have a stewardship focus, you might want to check him out.*

Powell, Mark Allan. *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdsmans Publishing, 2006.

*I have not read this one, but it comes highly recommended from a trusted source. It is a foundational read for a comprehensive stewardship ministry (from the Lutheran tradition, so some of the organizational issues are different).*

Robertson, C. K. *Transforming Stewardship*. New York: Church Publishing, 2009.

*A detailed plan to transform the Episcopal church into stewards. Some good material. I found the Episcopal bent so strong that it almost didn't feel helpful.*

Ronsvalle, John and Sylvia. *Behind the Stained Glass Windows*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1996.

Schnase, Robert. *Practicing Extravagant Generosity: Daily Readings on the Grace of Giving*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2011.

*Part of this year's stewardship campaign materials from the Methodist church. 40 days of daily readings for the stewardship season.*

Transformed Giving: Realizing Your Church's Full Stewardship Potential. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2006.

*The Methodist stewardship campaign for 2006. I like the campaign and the resources. Complete package. The next source is the leader's guide...more resources are available.*

Treasures of the Transformed Life Leader's Guide with DVD. *Treasures of the Transformed Life Leader's Guide with DVD*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2006.

Vallet, Ronald E. *Stepping Stones of the Steward*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1989.

*The strength of this book is the biblical basis for the study. Preachers and teachers might find this a good resource.*