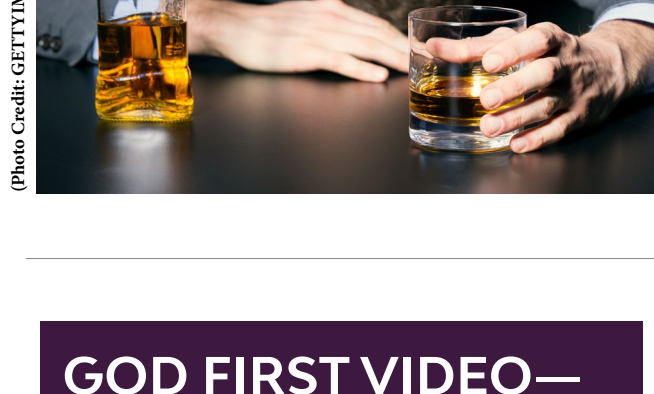




# Matthew 6:33



## EDITORIAL - HABIT



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The word "HABIT" sometimes has a negative connotation because of harmful practices such as drug addiction, smoking, or alcoholism. Regarding a drug addict, people would say that such a person has a bad HABIT; or for smokers, people regard them as having a bad HABIT. It happened to my father.

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## GOD FIRST VIDEO— JESUS AND THE TITHE AND GROUP ACTIVITY

Watch the video first and then do the small group activity with your church.

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## JESUS AND THE TITHE

## STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF REVIVAL—NOV. 29<sup>TH</sup>—DEC. 5<sup>TH</sup>



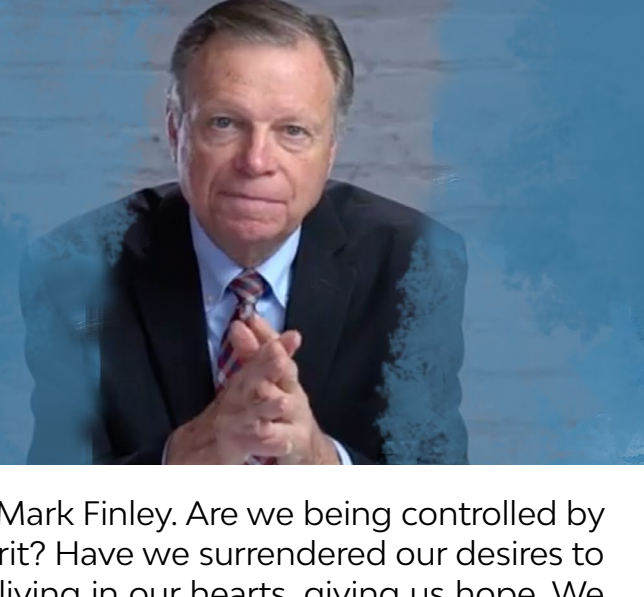
### Seeking First the Kingdom

Written by Pastor Ioan Câmpian Tătar, the Stewardship Ministries director of InterEuropean Division, this week of revival serves as an instrument for a thorough introspection exercise, inviting us to pause and reflect on some major life issues. It encourages us to ask: Am I seeking God first in the nitty-gritty of my existence?

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## Victory Over Sin!

by Pastor Mark Finley



Hopelive365 presented "Victory Over Sin" by Pastor Mark Finley. Are we being controlled by our flesh, our appetite, our feelings or by the Holy Spirit? Have we surrendered our desires to the Lord? If we have, we will sense the Spirit of God living in our hearts, giving us hope. We have the assurance of victory in every struggle. God can do for us and in us what we cannot do for ourselves. So whatever challenges we are facing today, remember that Jesus has already experienced it and overcame.

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## RENEWING OUR MINDS

**Summary:** In 7 concise steps, Ben Maxson outlines how we can cooperate with God as His transforming power renews our minds and lives. A new character becomes a present reality! God gave us an incredible gift at Creation—minds with the capacity to grow throughout eternity.

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Written by Benjamin C. Maxson, former director of GC Stewardship Ministries. This article was previously published in *Dynamic Steward*, vol. 6, no. 1 (January-March 2020), pp. 12, 15. <https://stewardship.adventist.org/page153>

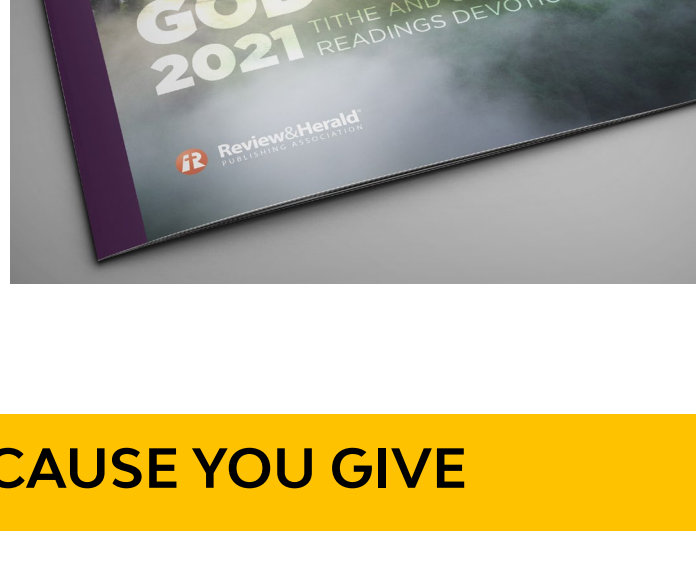


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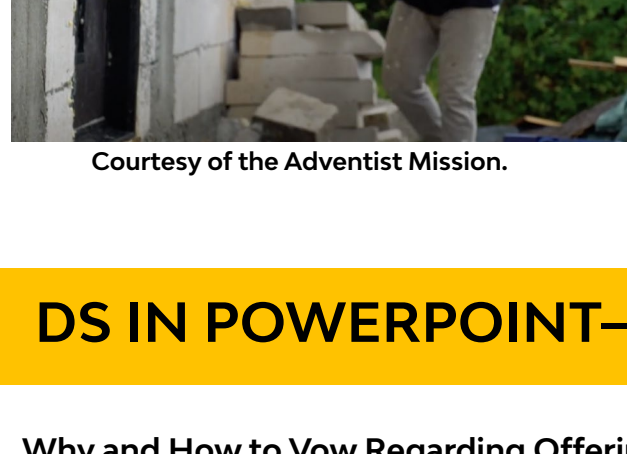
## 2021 GOD FIRST— TITHE & OFFERINGS READINGS DEVOTIONAL

Written by Pastor Sam Neves and edited by Nathan Brown, the first three quarters of devotionals are now available for translation.

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## WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



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### The Church Crushed My House!

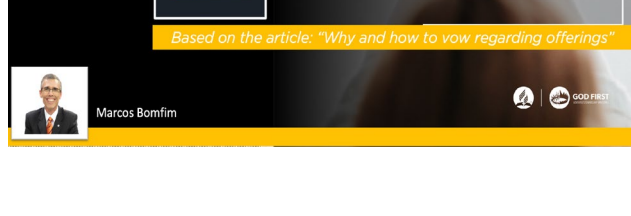
When a friend called me for a ride, something impressed me that I should bring my family along. While we were driving, a strong storm started that caused our wooden church building to collapse on top of my house!

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## DS IN POWERPOINT—PRINCIPLES OF PLEDGING

**Why and How to Vow Regarding Offerings**  
I never would have suspected that Sabbath morning in the 1970s that I was about to listen to a sermon that would end up making me a Promisor. Under strong conviction, I was hesitant to make a vow, knowing how serious it is to vow and not fulfill it (Eccl. 5:4). Read the magazine article [HERE](#) or click the button to download it in PowerPoint.

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## SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS

### DEAL WITH HABITS HEAD ON



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An elderly teacher, with a pupil for a while, took a walk through a forest. Suddenly he stopped and pointed to four plants close at hand. The first was just beginning to peep above the ground, the second had rooted itself pretty well into the earth, the third was...

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### GRUMBLING AND THANKING



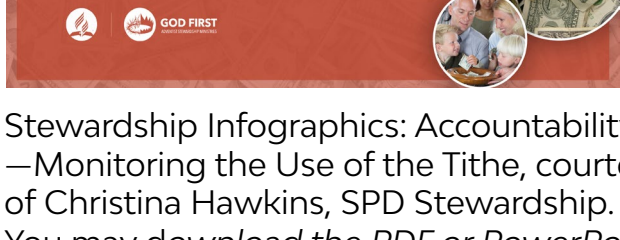
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A man had a habit of grumbling at the food his wife prepared for him at family meals. Then he would ask the blessing. One day after his usual combination complaint-prayer, his little girl asked, "Daddy, does God hear us when we pray?"

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## SUGGESTED RESOURCES



Stewardship Infographics: Accountability—Monitoring the Use of the Tithes, courtesy of Christina Hawkins, SPD Stewardship. You may download the [PDF](#) or [PowerPoint](#).

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## STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIES



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### SSD: LOST MONEY AT THE RICE PADDIES

One day, a farmer has sold bamboo. As was his custom, he set aside his Tithes and offerings from the money obtained from the bamboo he sold. He wrapped the amount and put it in his pocket. But later, he noticed that the wrapped amount kept in his pocket was lost. The farmer was able to trace the places he had been after...

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## E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



Through the power of Christ, men and women have broken the chains of sinful habit. They have renounced selfishness. The drunken sober, the profligate pure. This change is the miracle of miracles—"Christ in you, the hope of glory."—*From Trials to Triumphs*, p. 251

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## THIRD QUARTER SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON VIDEOS

Courtesy of the South Pacific Division

**M**aking Friends for God: Joy of Sharing in His Mission is the theme of the third quarter Sabbath School lesson. Get weekly insight to the lesson; view/download the weekly Sabbath School videos: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7282009> or read the lesson of quarter 3: <https://disciple.org.au/resources/making-friends-for-god/>. More videos will be uploaded when available.

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