



# GOD FIRST

ADVENTIST STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

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GRATITUDE

## 1ST QTR, 2018: STEWARDSHIP MOTIVES OF THE HEART



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### Editorial - Gratitude

Decades ago in my hometown, my family and I lived in a small neighborhood where houses had adjoining walls. When there was a fight between families, the entire community knew; when someone bought a new home appliance, the entire community was aware of it; when there was a dispute between a husband and his wife, everyone knew. Everybody knew about everyone and everything.

[READ MORE](#) Article written by Dr. Hiskia Missah, Editor - God First

### Come With Me to the Cross by Pastor Ángel Rodríguez

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### An Attitude of Gratitude

Summary: When we carry a spirit of thanksgiving it permeates our entire being. Our attitude becomes infectious as others witness our spiritual growth and joy in Christ.

Optimism or Pessimism? A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other was their looks. If one felt it was too hot, the other thought it was too cold...

[READ MORE](#) Article written by Rick White, Senior Pastor, People's Church, Franklin, Tennessee and previously published in the Apr.-Jun. 2003, issue of the Dynamic Steward Journal.

### E. G. White's Corner

It is God who blesses men with property, and He does this that they may be able to give toward the advancement of His cause. He sends the sunshine and the rain. He causes vegetation to flourish. He gives health and the ability to acquire means. All our blessings come from His bountiful hand. In turn, He would have men and women show their...

E. G. White, Acts of the Apostles, p. 75.

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### Quotes on Gratitude

God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn't mean you need to give thanks FOR everything. You don't need to give thanks FOR that bad day. Or FOR that bad relationship. Or being passed over at work. Financial hardship. Whatever it is – you are not to give thanks FOR the difficulties, but rather IN the difficulties. That is a very...

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### Heroes of Gratitude - Sermon by Pastor Doug Batchelor



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#### A Full Glass of Milk

One day, a poor boy was selling goods door-to-door to pay his way through school. He found he had only one thin dime left...and he was hungry. He decided he would ask for a meal at the next house. However, he lost his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Instead of a meal, he asked for a drink...

Source: <https://www.littlethings.com/howard-kelly-story-glass-milk/>



#### It Takes Faith

In the late 1800's George Mueller operated an orphanage that at one time had 1,000 orphans. One morning there was no food to eat, but he called all the children and staff together and prayed thanking God for the provision of food, even though no food was on the table. A few moments later a baker knocked on the door.

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### Southern Asia Pacific Division Public Evangelism

Dr. Hiskia I. Missah conducted a Revelation Seminar and Public Evangelistic Meetings along with his wife, Dr. Ellen Missah, who gave Family Enrichment Seminars in Kupang, Indonesia from December 18-23, 2017. The meetings were sponsored by Prisma Ministry Indonesia and 38 souls were baptized.



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