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Editorial - God First

We've seen billboards slogans that say: "Safety First", "Health First", "Family First" or "America First". What are these slogans all about? Do these two simple words convey a deeper meaning? They absolutely do! They encourage people to make safety, or health, or family, or the country their first priority. Furthermore, what does 'priority' mean?

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Rear Admiral, Barry Black (Ret.)
Senate Chaplain
National Prayer Breakfast 2017
Courtesy of C-SPAN

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Pastor Marcos F. Bomfim
Stewardship Ministries Director
The importance of seeking GOD FIRST early in the morning.

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Bolivia - 10 Days - Putting God First
Pastor Herbert Boger, Jr., Stewardship Ministries Director of the South American Division (left) leads out in prayer on the right.



Prove Him Now

She had just completed her four-year college degree and was looking forward to doing her Masters. With only a few hundred dollars in her hands, Denise desperately needed to repair her laptop. It had fallen and experienced connectivity issues. She needed her laptop for school but she also needed to pay her tithe. What would she do?

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Stewardship Ministries Department
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I Promise...

- I want to set apart the first moments of each day to commune with the Lord in prayer, Bible study, the Spirit of Prophecy and family worship.
- I want to be used by the Holy Spirit to reach out to others with the message of salvation, beginning with my own family.
- I want to establish one new healthy habit and offer my body to God's service: _____
- I will faithfully return the Lord's tithe (10% of my income).
- I will dedicate a regular percentage (____%) of my income as a free will offering to the Lord.
- I want to dedicate something of that which has been entrusted to me to help speed up the last-day efforts of spreading the gospel to all the world.

With God's help: _____ Date: _____

"I can do all things through him who gives me strength" (Phil. 4:13)

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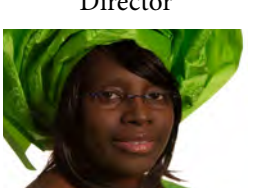
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Rediscovering Our True Identity

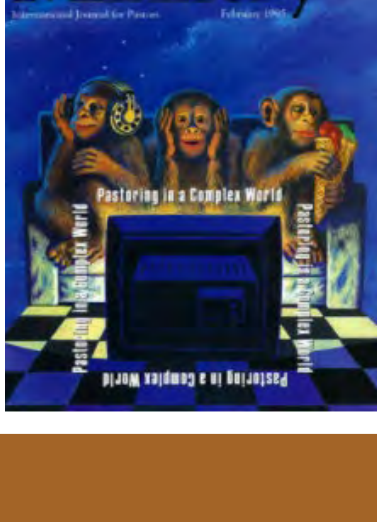
Who am I? What on earth am I here for? These philosophical questions have practical implications for our daily life. They have to do with our identity. It is about the meaning and purpose of life. The absence of a clear identity leads to confusion; prevents full accomplishment; it is an obstacle to happiness and it dishonours God. See Stewardship Sabbath Materials.

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History of Stewardship in the Church

The Church Development Service was set up at the Autumn Council of 1958 with W. J. Hubert as leader. Its primary duty was to provide fundraising counseling and direction to churches within North America. Today, the Stewardship Ministries department has a new name and has developed over the years. Review our history and learn about our leaders here.

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Pastor's Pastor: Fifteen ways to raise your raise

Recently I listened as several administrators debated whether they could extend the scheduled cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) increase to their pastors in view of shrinking tithe income. I know pastoral families desperately need this small increase just to keep up with inflation. I also understand the dilemma of not being able to distribute funds that have not come in.

~ by the late Jim Cress, Former GC Ministerial Secretary as appeared in Ministry Magazine, Feb. 1995

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Division Reports

East Central Africa Division - Pastor William Bagambe



Local Church Leaders in Juba, South Sudan ECD, turn for a Stewardship Summit on Feb 19, 2017. During the same time a Stewardship week of revival in ECD was launched.



Feb 18-25, 2017 is a Stewardship Week through out ECD territory. Theme: "STONES IN THE BAG" 1 Samuel 17:48-49

South American Division - Pastor Herbert Boger, Jr.



Launching of Working day at the Ministry Convention of the MBN Woman Presence of the Bahia Norte Mission



Launching of the Spiritual Day at GODFIRST



God First is also true for the district of Capanema-PA. All committed to PUT GOD FIRST.



Launched the 40 Day Journey in the New Port Velho IASD with pastors Ronivon and Enoque. A blessing!



Live Launch of In the UNB DEUS with the presence of its idealizer @ BogerJr @AdvNortePara.



Launch of JRE GOD FIRST outdoors. District of Periperi. Congratulations, Pastor Gilson Cunha!



ASPA Servers received the GOD FIRST Spiritual Revival Seminar.



At the SAD worship, we launched THE GODFIRST PROGRAM, a 40-day journey of indepth Bible study.

Southern Pacific Division - Pastor Noldy Sakul



Pastor Noldy Sakul, Sout4hern Asia-Pacific Division STW Director with Pastor Abner Dinoy, Central Philippine Union STW Director in a STW Certification Training.



Pastor Noldy Sakul and Pastor Shakeel Javed, Stewardship Director of Pakistan Section.

Southern Pacific Division - Pastor Sakul



SUD Union Directors Advisory held in Hosur Campus on July 5-6, 2016. South Central India Union Stewardship Director, Pastor Ashock Doddamony organized special council for the Stewardship Directors of the field on 24 August 2016.

Southern Asia Division - Pastor Renthlei



North East India Union Director Pastor Kashiprii Archete held the Stewardship Advisory in Pinebrook Centre, Shillong on 19-20 October 2016.

Southern Asia Division - Pastor Zohruaia Renthlei



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East Central India Union Stewardship Director, Pastor Shadrak organized an Advisory in Hyderabad attended by Pastors, Local Church Elders and Treasurers Council in Vijaywada and Rayamundry on September 28 & 29 respectively.

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