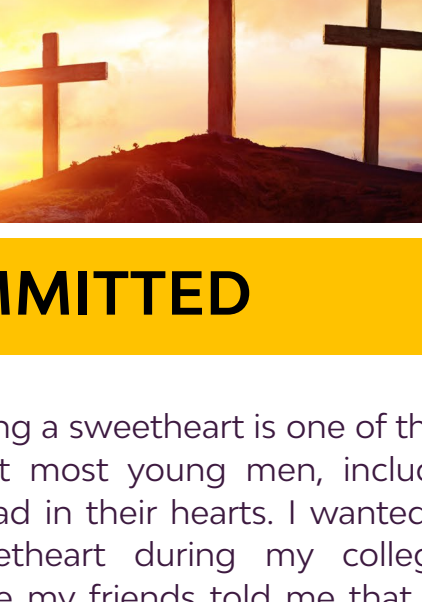
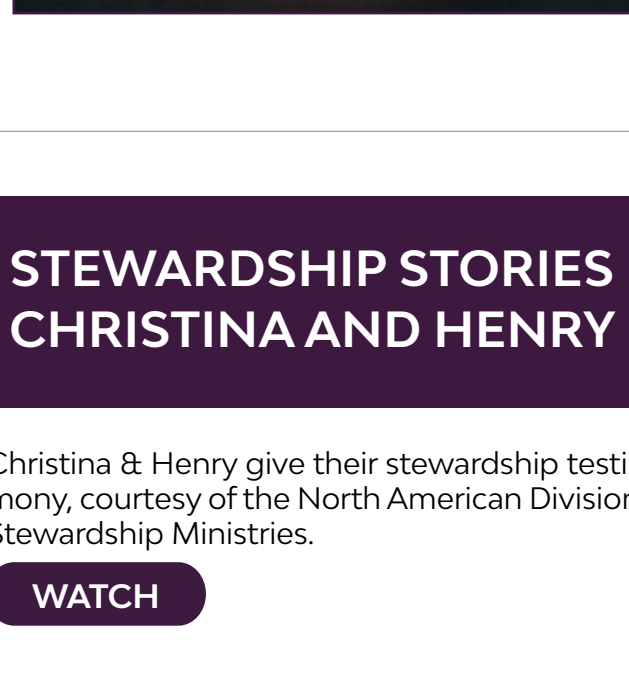




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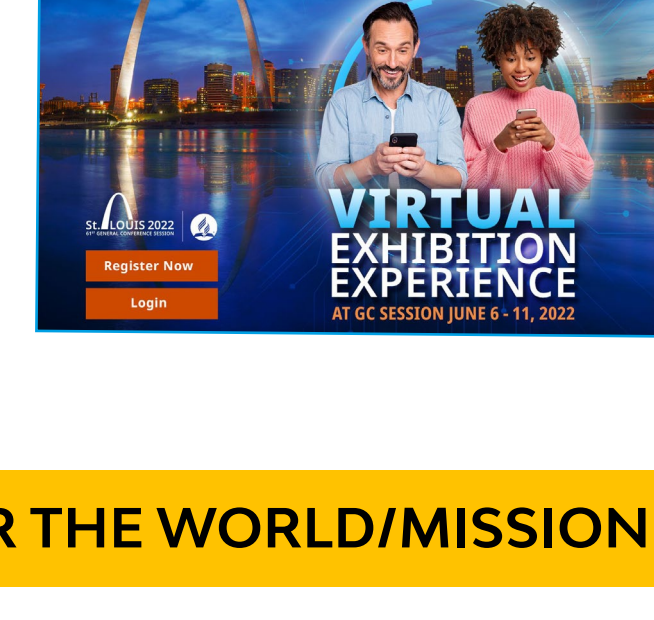
## EDITORIAL - COMMITTED



Having a sweetheart is one of the wishes that most young men, including me, have had in their hearts. I wanted to have a sweetheart during my college years because my friends told me that having a sweetheart made them eager and zealous to study. So, I decided to find one since I wanted to have the same passion they had for studying. I was lucky; I found a . . .

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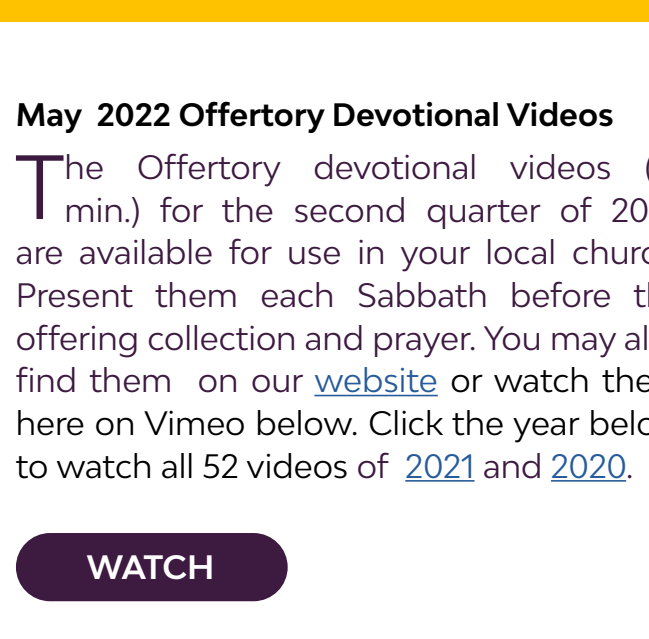
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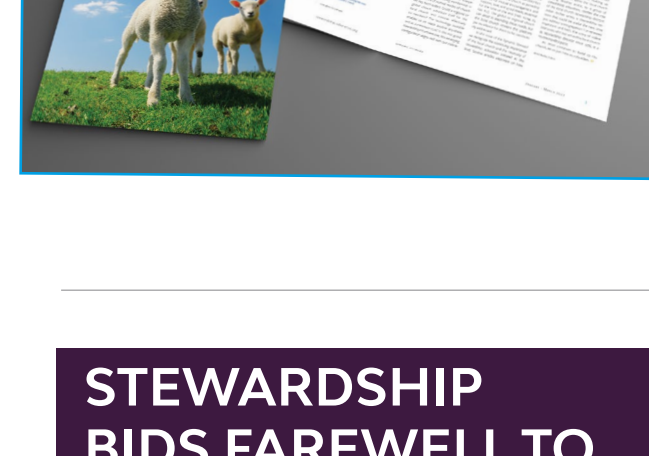
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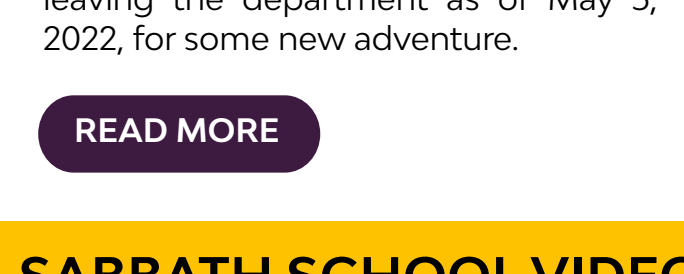
Where does Stewardship fit in with the life of the Adventist Christian? The answer is simple: Everywhere! Pick a topic, any topic. Spirituality, the health message, family life. They all relate to Stewardship. Join us as we present these webinars from distinguished Adventist thought-leaders, each with a unique focus and area of expertise. You will come away committed to Stewardship expanded and renewed!

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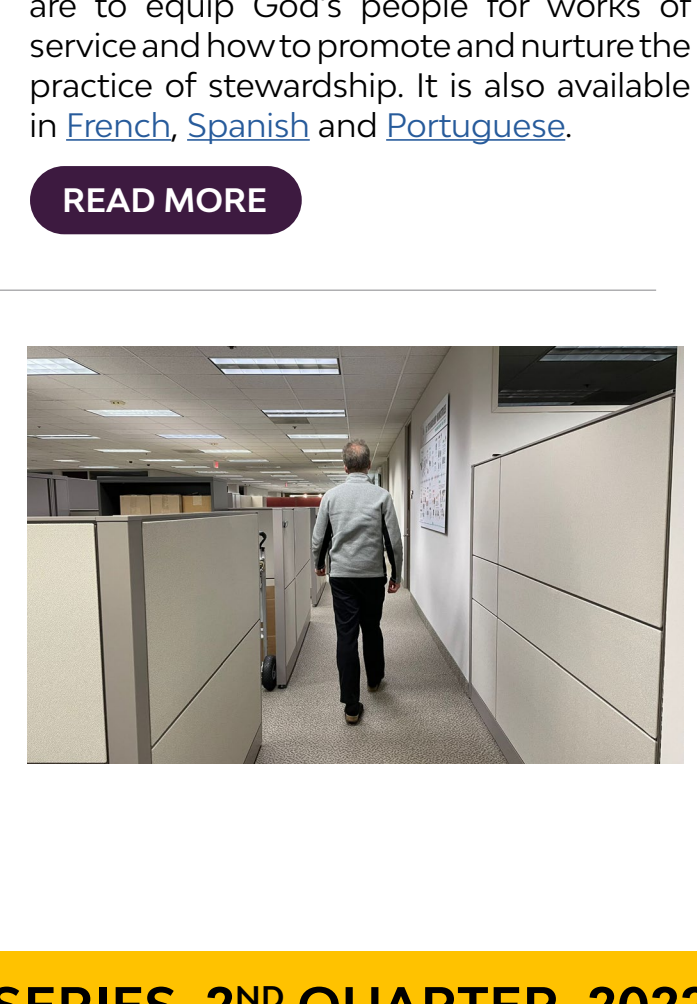
## TITHE & OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS—MAY 2022

### May 2022 Offertory Devotional Videos

The Offertory devotional videos (2-min.) for the second quarter of 2022 are present them each Sabbath before the offering collection and prayer. You may also find them on our [website](#) or watch them here on Vimeo below. Click the year below to watch all 52 videos of 2021 and 2020.

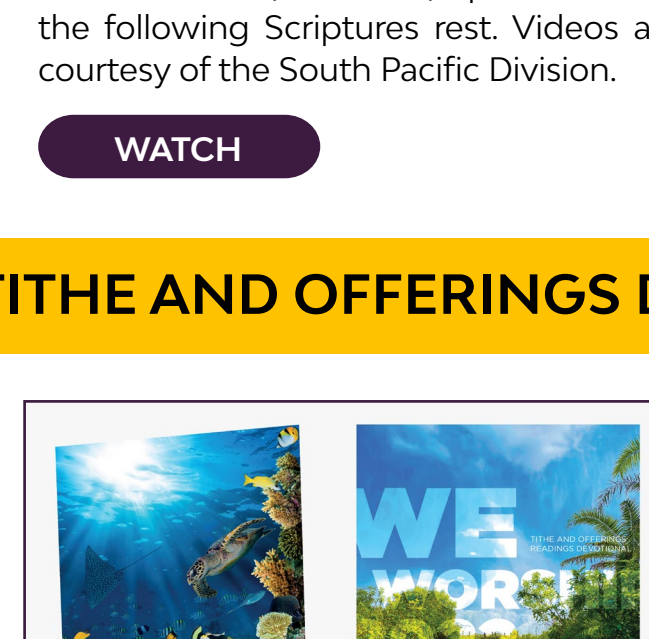


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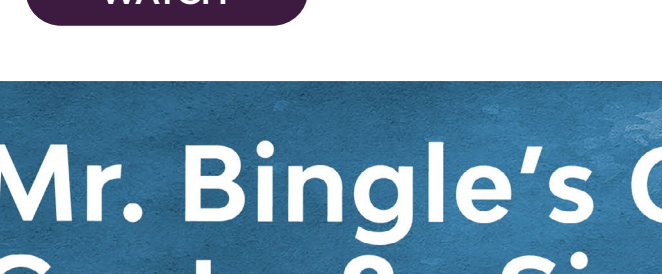


A Pasture for His Lambs: Nurturing the Local Church  
We recognize the continuing importance and necessity of stewardship education in the local church. This issue elaborates on how stewardship educators are to equip God's people for works of service and how to promote and nurture the practice of stewardship. It is also available in [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#).

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### STEWARDSHIP BIDS FAREWELL TO ALAN HECHT

Alan Hecht, editorial assistant for GC Stewardship Ministries since 2019, is leaving the department as of May 5, 2022, for some new adventure.

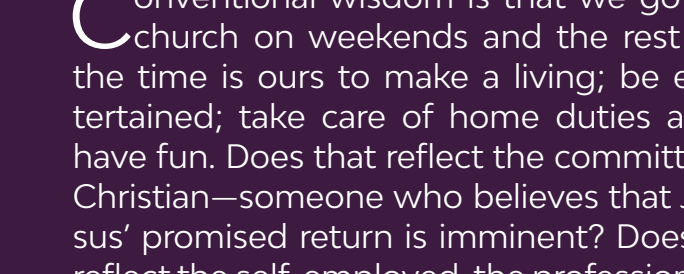


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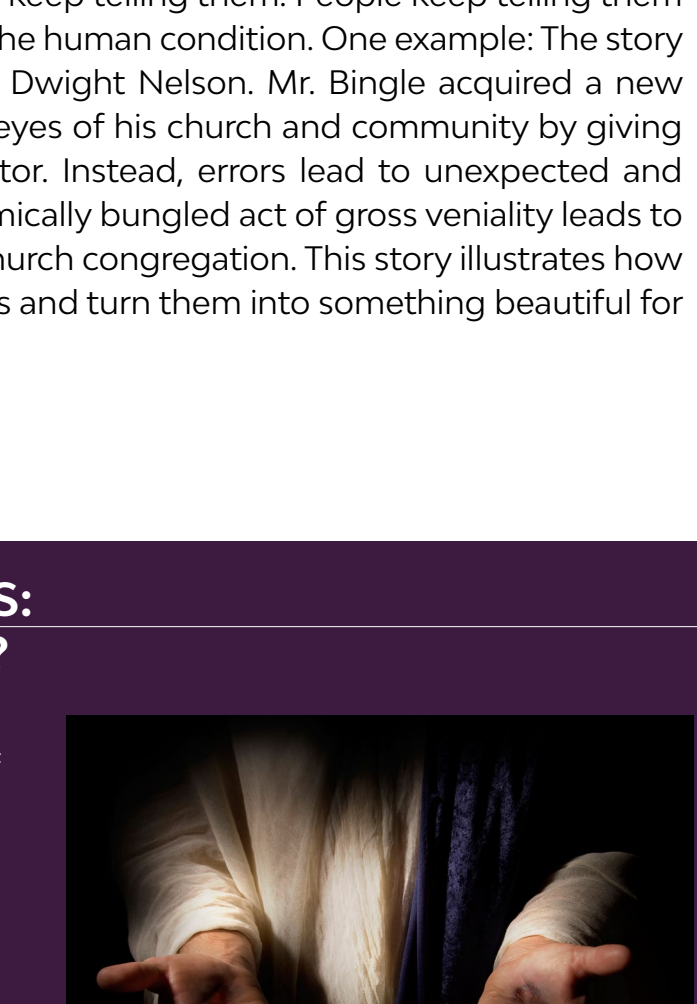
## SABBATH SCHOOL VIDEO SERIES, 2ND QUARTER, 2022

### Genesis—The Book of the Beginning

The English word Genesis is derived from the Greek genesis, which means "beginning," itself derived from the Hebrew *bereshit*, "in the beginning"—the first word of the book (hence, the first word of the entire Bible). Genesis gives us the foundation, the base, upon which all the following Scriptures rest. Videos are courtesy of the South Pacific Division.



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## TITHE AND OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL READINGS 2022

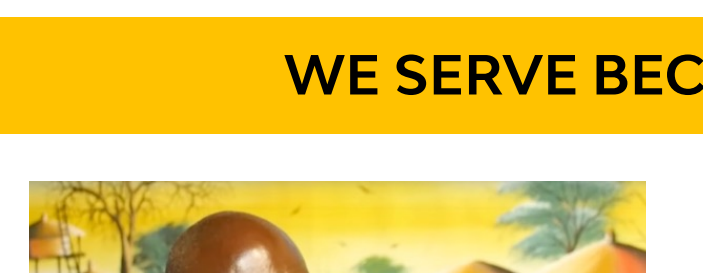


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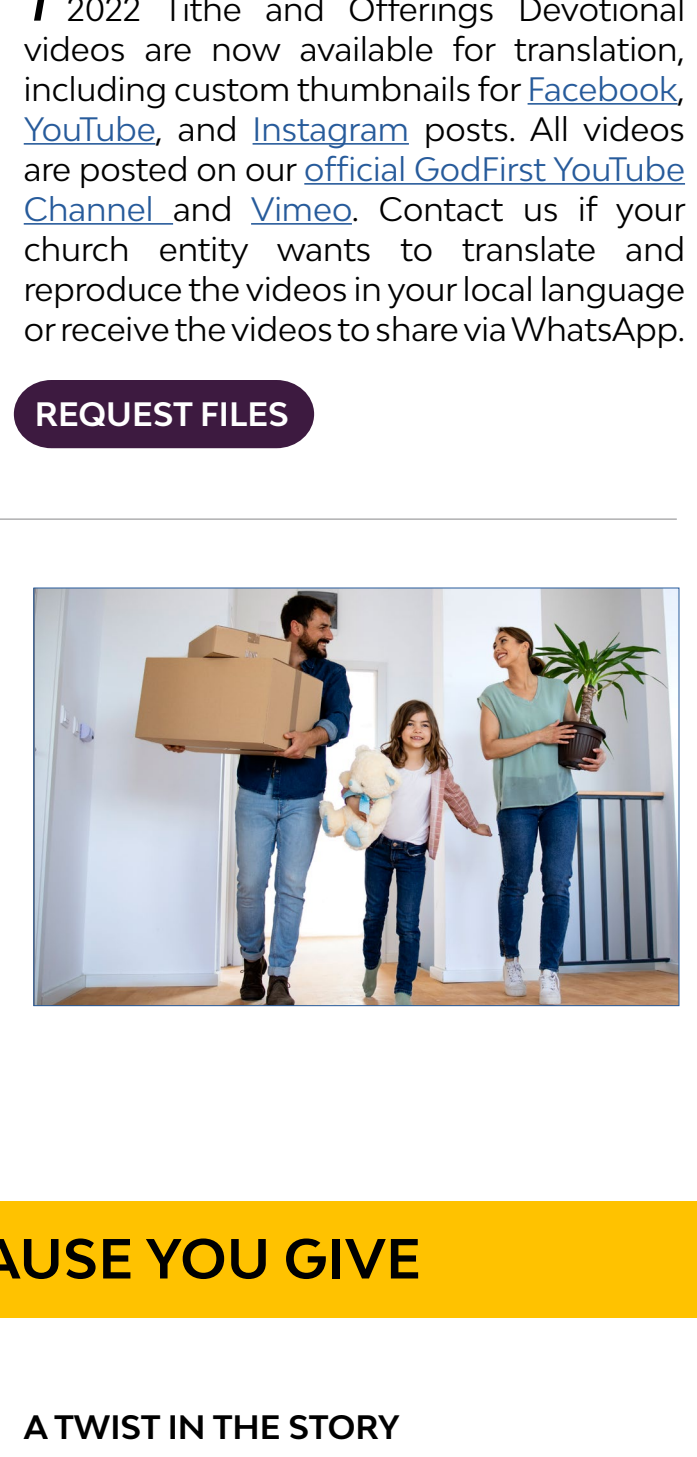
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by Dr. Dwight K. Nelson

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### MARKETPLACE CHRISTIANS: WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?

Conventional wisdom is that we go to church on weekends and the rest of the time is ours to make a living; be entertained; take care of home duties and have fun. Does that reflect the committed Christian—someone who believes that Jesus' promised return is imminent? Does it reflect the self-employed, the professional, the manufacturer, the shop owner . . .



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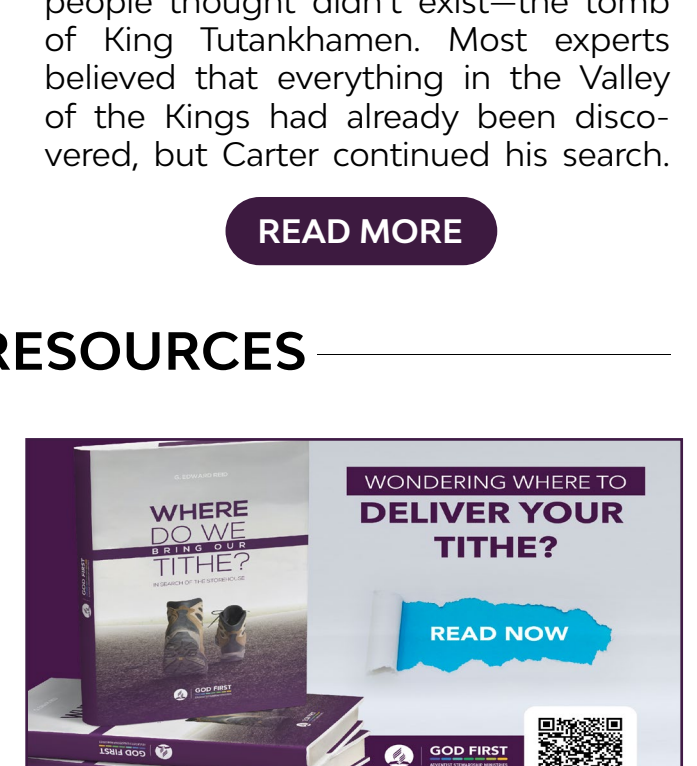


### PODCAST—STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE TO MISSION

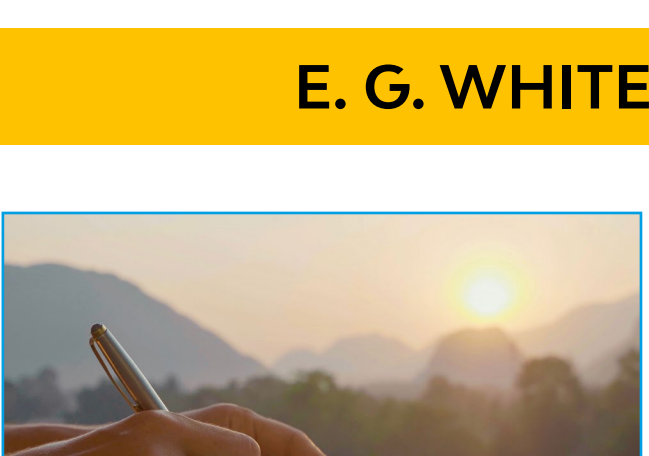
Pastor Barbe speaks about the source of the General Conference non-tithe funds, how these funds are applied and distributed.



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## TITHE AND OFFERINGS VIDEOS EDITABLE FILES—2022



The editable files of the second quarter 2022 Tithe and Offerings Devotional videos are now available for translation, including custom thumbnails for [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#) posts. All videos are posted on our [official GodFirst YouTube Channel](#) and [Vimeo](#). Contact us if your church entity wants to translate and reproduce the videos in your local language or receive the videos to share via WhatsApp.

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### STEWARDSHIP BEGINS AT HOME

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Giving It All Away  
Forbes magazine supports this parental focus of passing on "values and life lessons" with facts from a survey. "When asked 'What's most important to pass on to the next generation?' the No. 1 answer, offered by 74% of respondents, was: 'Values and life lessons.'" The answer "financial assets or real estate" came last. In between were "institutions and wishes to be fulfilled" and "personal possessions of emotional value."

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When Billy Sunday was converted and joined the church, a Christian man put his arm on the young man's shoulder and said, "William, there are three simple rules I can give to you, and if you hold to them, you will never write 'backslider' after your name.

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## E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



We should never forget that we are placed on trial in this world, to determine our fitness for the future life. None can enter heaven whose characters are defiled by the foul blot of selfishness. Therefore, God tests us here, by committing to us temporal possessions, that our use of these may show whether we can be entrusted with eternal riches.—*Counselors on Stewardship*, p. 22.

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