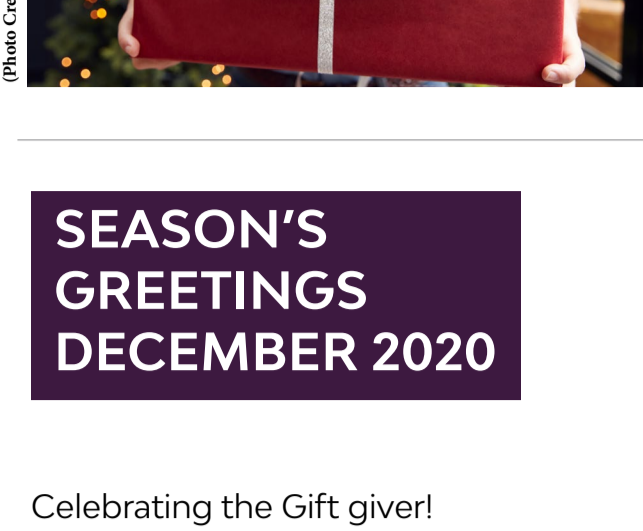




Matthew 6:33



EDITORIAL - GIVING



December has been known as the "month of GIVING" especially in America. I remember when my family and me just arrived in this land many years back, we were invited to attend a Christmas party in my sister's house. In our home country, we did not celebrate Christmas as much as here in the land, so we were not fully understood what's gonna happen in the party.

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Celebrating the Gift giver!

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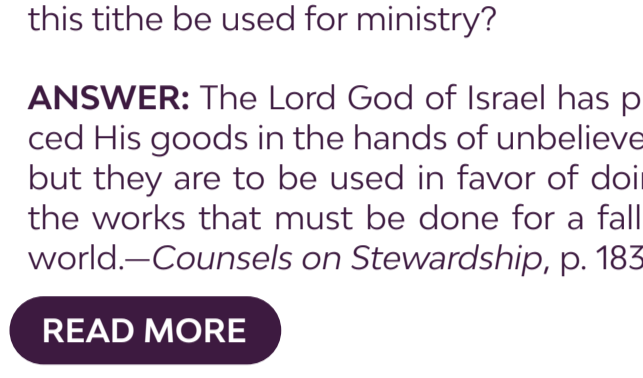


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DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—OCT-DEC. 2020



Dynamic Steward, vol. 23, no. 4, "I WILL GO"

This issue explores the implications of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, entitled "I Will Go," and the proper response to God's calling exemplified in the motto "I will go." Stewardship ministries play a crucial role in encouraging people to look to the sufficiency of Christ, even in the face of seemingly overwhelming challenges.

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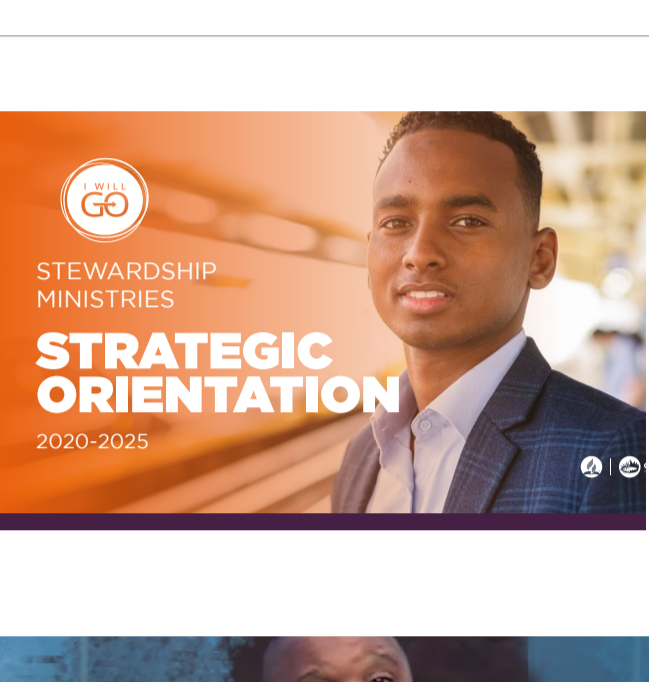
STEWARDSHIP QUESTION AND ANSWER

TITHE ON GAMBLING WINNINGS

QUESTION: We have a relative who gambles. When he wins he gives a tithe from those funds to the church. Can this tithe be used for ministry?

ANSWER: The Lord God of Israel has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers, but they are to be used in favor of doing the works that must be done for a fallen world.—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 183

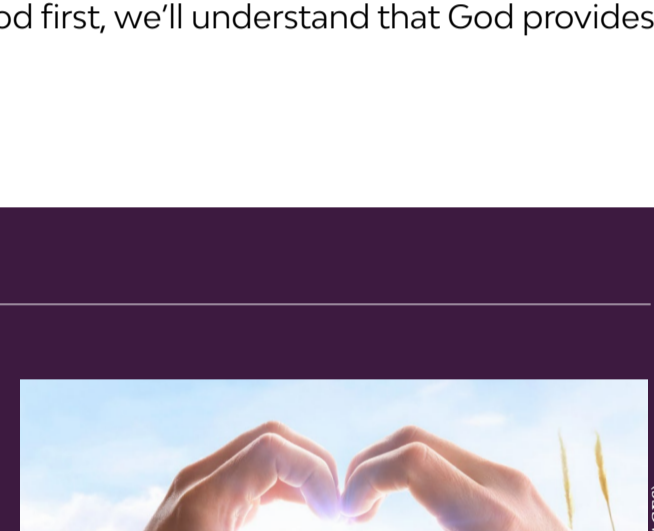
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Stewardship Ministries Strategic Orientation (2020 - 2025) based on the "I Will Go" Strategic Focus (2020 - 2025) of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists..

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

by Dr. Carlton P. Byrd

Breath of Life TV presented "Count Your Blessings" by Dr. Carlton P. Byrd. Bad things happen to good people. Though your circumstance may seem hopeless and you see no way out, when you look to the Word of God, you find there is hope. With God all things are possible, and in spite of it all, we've got to learn to count our blessings. When we consider the Source of our blessings, we'll come to realize that our meal barrow will never run out. If only we can set our priorities straight and put God first, we'll understand that God provides for our needs and not our wants.

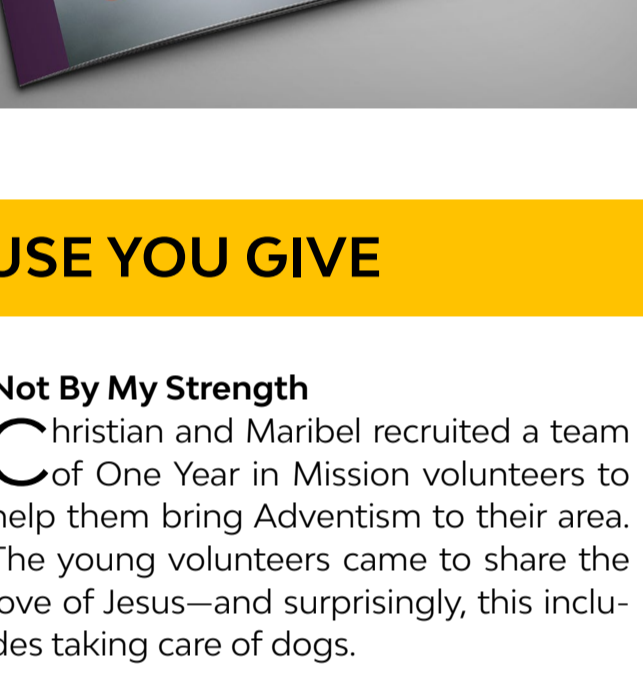
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TITHING: A RESPONSE TO GRACE

Summary: Some have argued that Christians need not tithe because they are under grace, not under law. This is nonsense. Firstly, no Christian should do less for God than did an ancient Jew. Secondly, Jesus endorsed the practice of tithing. Thirdly, tithing responds to a law older than the law of Moses. It responds to the law of gratitude.

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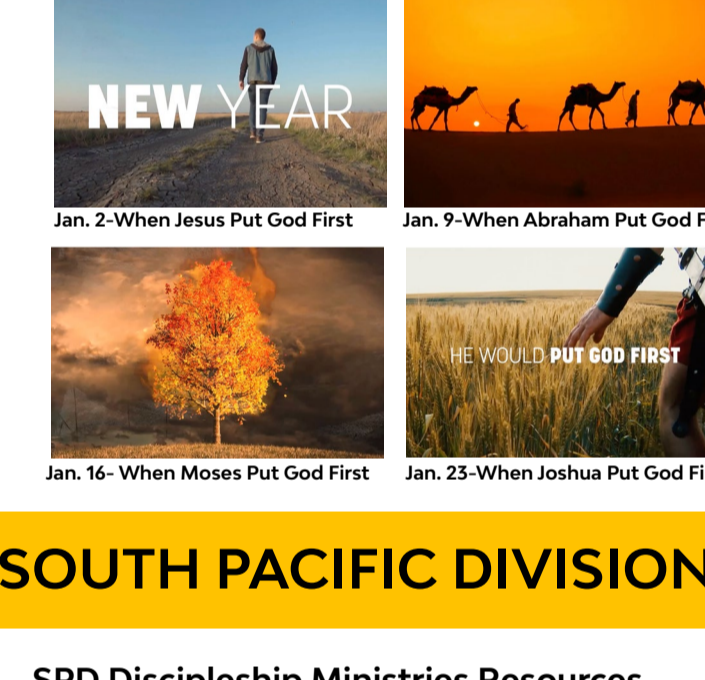
The article was written by William E. McCumber and previously published in the *Dynamic Steward Magazine*, vol. 2, no. 1 (January-March 1998), pp. 9-10. <https://stewardship.adventist.org/page/184>



2021 GOD FIRST—TITHE & OFFERINGS READINGS DEVOTIONAL

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Not By My Strength

Christian and Maribel recruited a team of One Year in Mission volunteers to help them bring Adventism to their area. The young volunteers came to share the love of Jesus—and surprisingly, this includes taking care of dogs.

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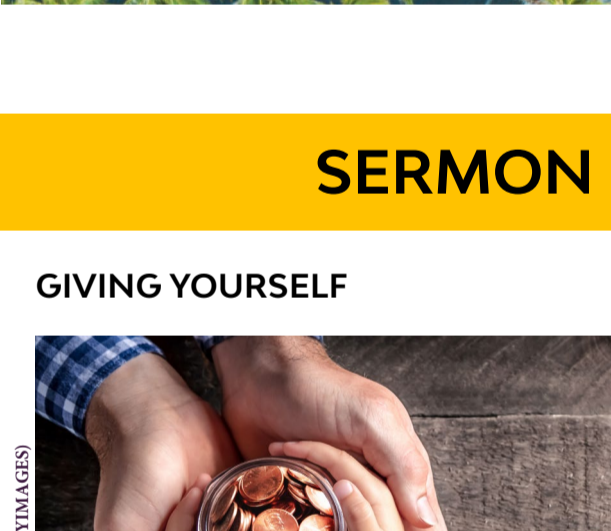
2021 TITHE AND OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

First Quarter 2021 Devotional Videos

The first quarter 2021 Tithe and Offerings devotional videos (2-min.), *Bible Characters Who Put God First*, are available for translation and ready for use in the local church, on January 2, 2021. These videos should be presented each Sabbath before the offering collection, followed by a live appeal and prayer.

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SPD is printing of 50,000 copies of the *2020 Stewardship Week of Revival—Seeking First the Kingdom*, for distribution in 2021. Furthermore, 6,000 copies of the 2021 Tithe and Offerings Devotional Readings, adapted for Papua New Guinea Union Mission and Trans-Pacific Union Mission that use the Combined Offering Plan will be printed, including copies for the Australian Union.

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GIVING YOURSELF



A young boy sat in church and watched as the offering plate was being passed. Wanting to give something, he reached inside his pocket for something to put in. To his dismay, he had nothing inside. As the plate was passed down the row and came to him, he put the plate on the ground and stepped inside.

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THE MIRACLE OF THE GROCERIES



The following is a true story. In 1984, Mike and his family belonged to an East Coast church. One Sunday evening, the sermon was on sacrificial offerings, and a special offering was taken at the end of the sermon. The only money in Mike's wallet was a \$50 bill, which was supposed to buy a week's worth of groceries..

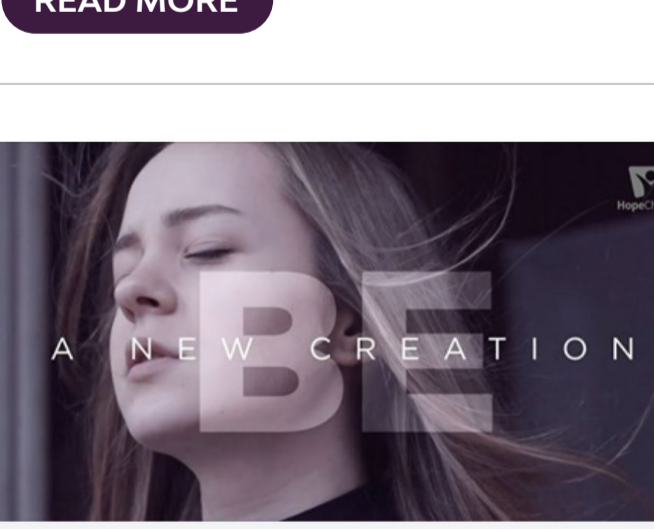
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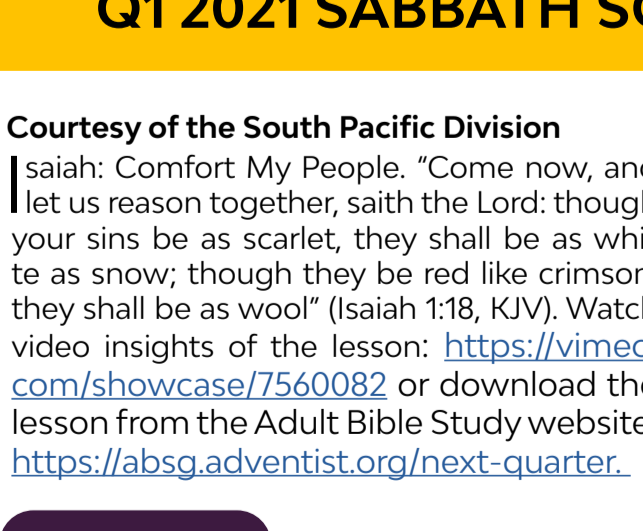
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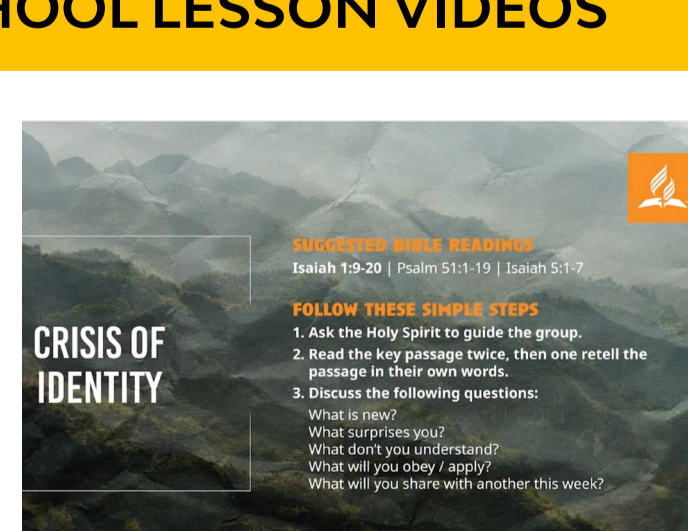
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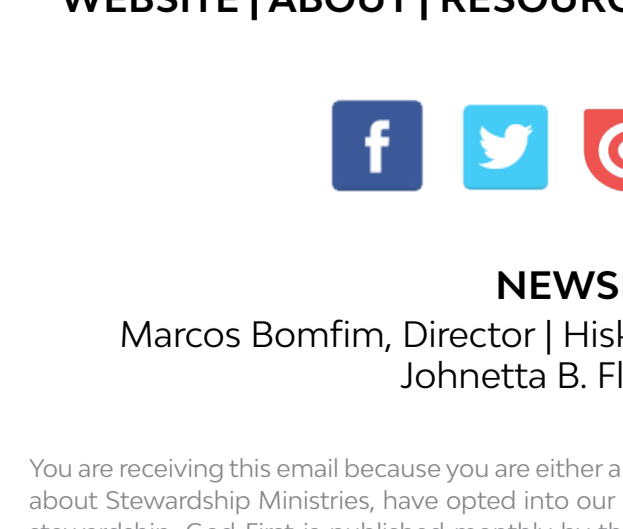
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E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



The offering from the heart that loves, God delights to honor, giving it highest efficiency in service for Him. If we have given our hearts to Jesus, we also shall bring our gifts to Him. Our gold and silver, ... our ...endowments, will be freely devoted to Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us.—*The Desire of Ages*, 65.

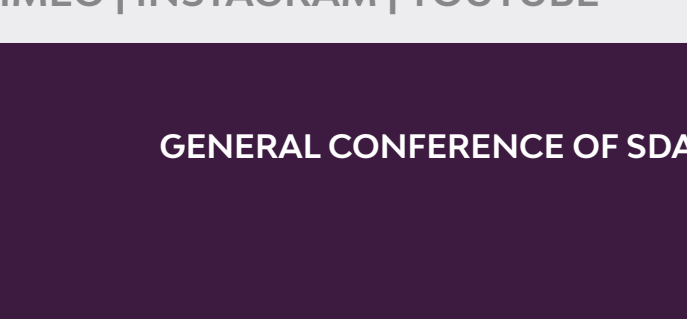
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Q1 2021 SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON VIDEOS

Courtesy of the South Pacific Division

Isaiah: Comfort My People. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18, KJV). Watch video insights of the lesson: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7560082> or download the lesson from the Adult Bible Study website: <https://absq.adventist.org/next-quarter>.

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