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ADVENTIST STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SDA
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2022

Matthew 6:33

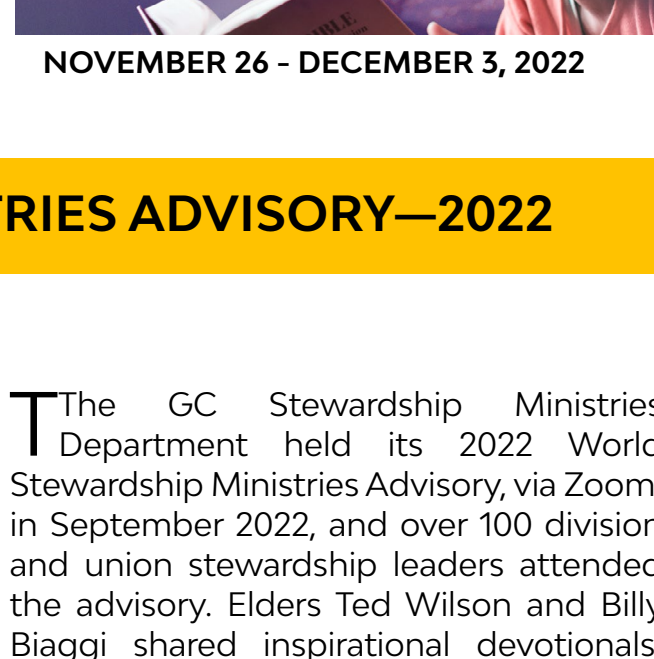


GOD FIRST — 2022 STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF REVIVAL

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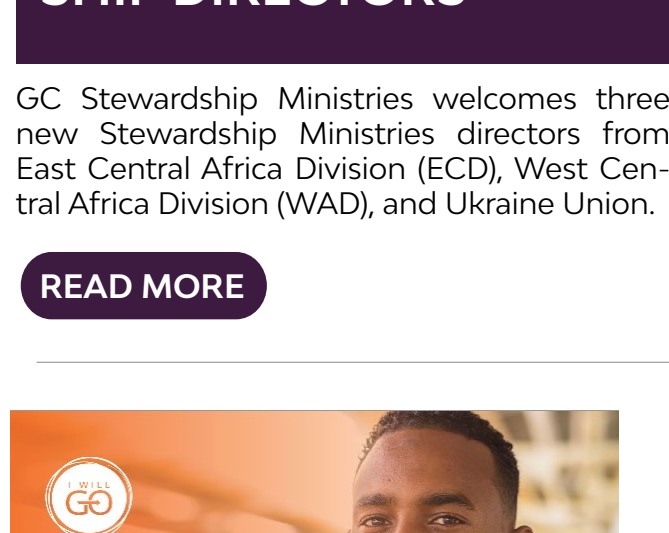
God First, the theme for the 2022 Stewardship Week of Revival, is more than a catchy slogan. It aims at helping members grow in practical ways by cultivating a God First lifestyle which is only possible when we receive a change of heart. The transformation process is activated and expands when we choose to commit and recommit.

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NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 3, 2022

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES ADVISORY—2022



September 2022

The GC Stewardship Ministries Department held its 2022 World Stewardship Ministries Advisory, via Zoom, in September 2022, and over 100 division and union stewardship leaders attended the advisory. Elders Ted Wilson and Billy Biaggi shared inspirational devotions. Guest presenters, Dr. Kelvin Onongha (president of the Adventist University of ...

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THREE NEW STEWARDSHIP DIRECTORS

GC Stewardship Ministries welcomes three new Stewardship Ministries directors from East Central Africa Division (ECD), West Central Africa Division (WAD), and Ukraine Union.

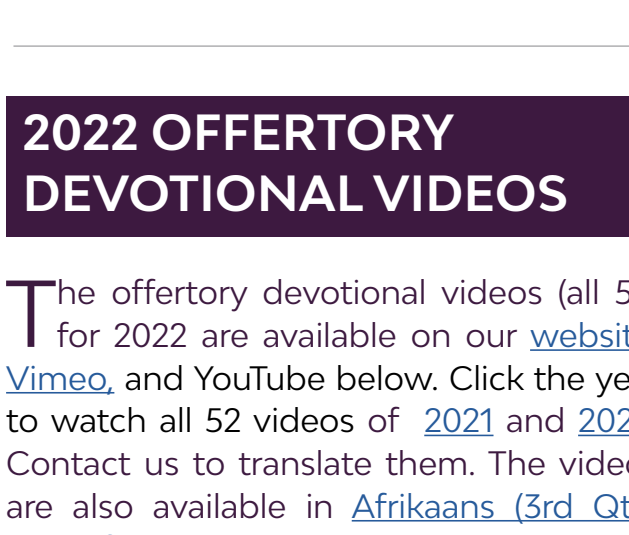
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UPDATED STRATEGIC ORIENTATION 2022-2025

Stewardship Ministries' Strategic Orientation (2022-2025) based on the "I Will Go" Strategic Focus (2020-2025) of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

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2023 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS



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Lighting Up All Corners is a collection of true stories—stories of people around the world who have heard the voice of God and answered "Yes" to His call, "Follow me." The Lord asks, "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for Us?" Will you go? Contact us below if your church entity wants to translate the manuscript for distribution in your territory.

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2022 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

The offertory devotional videos (all 53) for 2022 are available on our [website](#), [Vimeo](#), and [YouTube](#) below. Click the year to watch all 52 videos of 2021 and 2020. Contact us to translate them. The videos are also available in [Afrikaans](#), [3rd Qtr](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Cantonese](#), [Mandarin](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#) and [Spanish](#).

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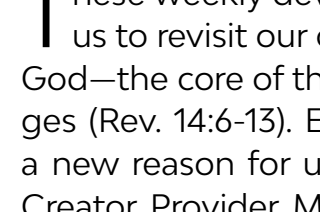
November Offertory Devotional Videos



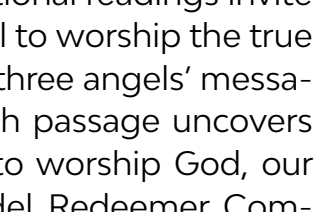
Nov. 5—Claim His Promises



Nov. 12—Annual Sacrifice



Nov. 19—Regularity Calls for Regularity



Nov. 26—Don't Just Manage, Produce Wealth

2022 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

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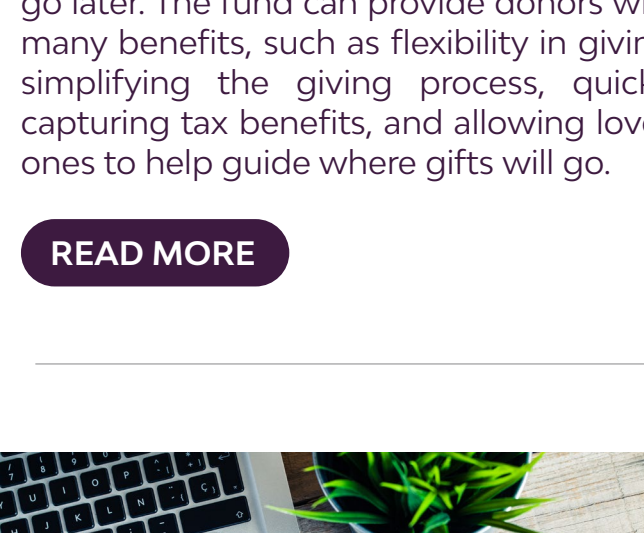
We Worship God Through Creation

These weekly devotional readings invite us to revisit our call to worship the true God—the core of the three angels' messages (Rev. 14:6-13). Each passage uncovers a new reason for us to worship God, our Creator, Provider, Model, Redeemer, Companion, and Master with our resources. These reflections empower us to resist the devil's deceptive schemes.

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DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—APR. - JUN. 2022

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Anchor in the Storm

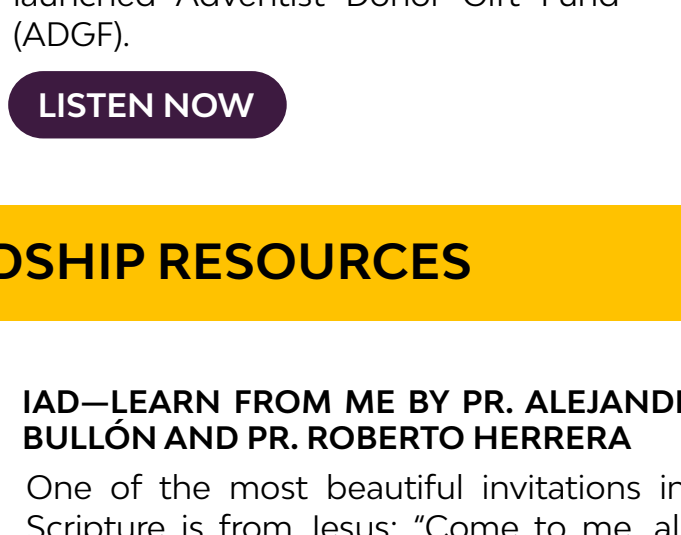
The theme of the Dynamic Steward quarterly magazine, Vol. 25, No. 2, April-June, 2022, is "Anchor in the Storm." In this issue, we revisit some common financial stewardship practices and asks two questions: "Why do we do it?" and "How does God want us to do it?" Read in PDF [here](#) or read on [issuu.com](#) below. [Subscribe](#) to receive the digital magazine.

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INNOVATION—THE ADVENTIST DONOR GIFT FUND

The Adventist Donor Gift Fund (ADGF) is similar to a donor bank account. It allows donors to make charitable deposits now and choose where they want their gifts to go later. The fund can provide donors with many benefits, such as flexibility in giving, simplifying the giving process, quickly capturing tax benefits, and allowing loved ones to help guide where gifts will go.

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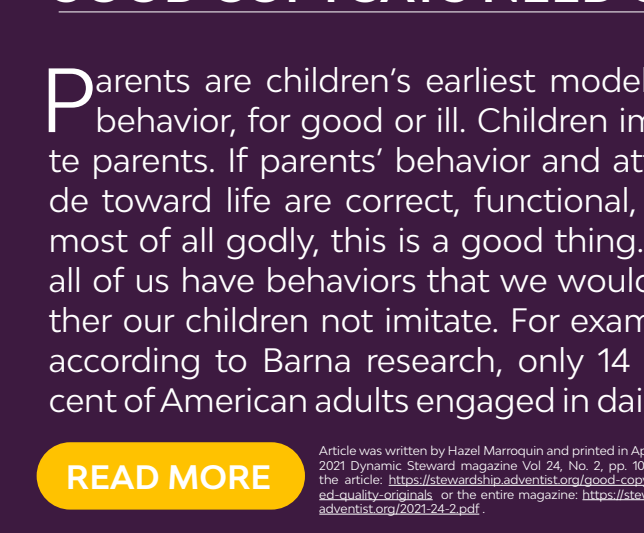


PODCAST: ADVENTIST DONOR GIFT FUND

PODCAST: Marcos Bomfim interviews Scot Coppock about how he became a Seventh-day Adventist and the benefits and advantages of the recently launched Adventist Donor Gift Fund (ADGF).

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DIVISION STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES



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IAD—LEARN FROM ME BY PR. ALEJANDRO BULLÓN AND PR. ROBERTO HERRERA

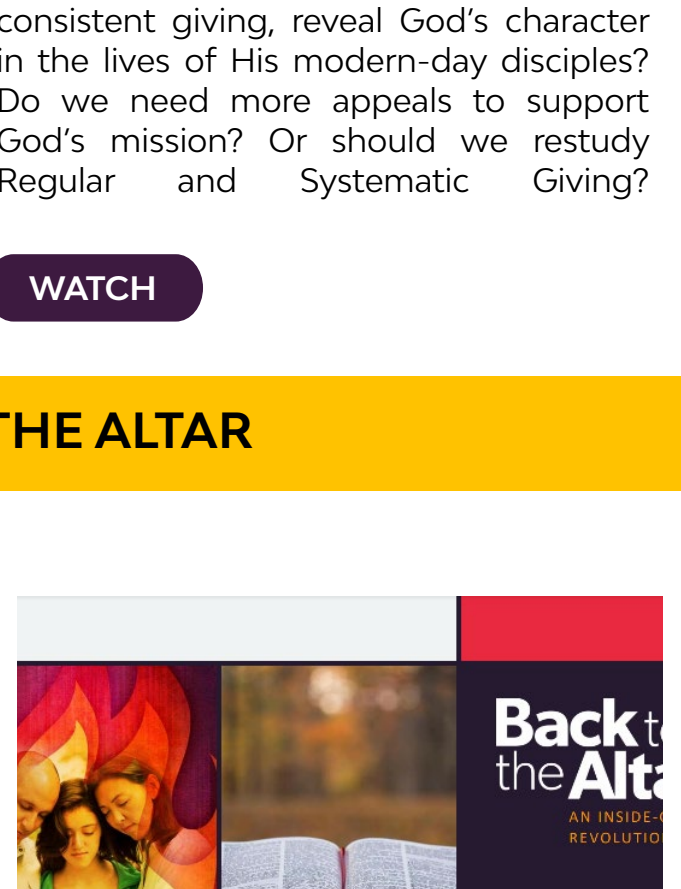
One of the most beautiful invitations in Scripture is from Jesus: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28, NIV). The Master knew that the secret to living a full spiritual life is a personal relationship with Him. Meditate on this invitation and accept Jesus' call to "Learn from me."

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SPD—GRATEFUL LIVING (8-WEEK RESOURCE KIT)

The brand-new Grateful Living resources have been designed to lead entire congregations to a whole new level of Christ-centered, abundant living. Grateful Living is for every church and every age group, and it's ready to modify, or just stand and deliver. It's about the joy of whole-of-life giving.

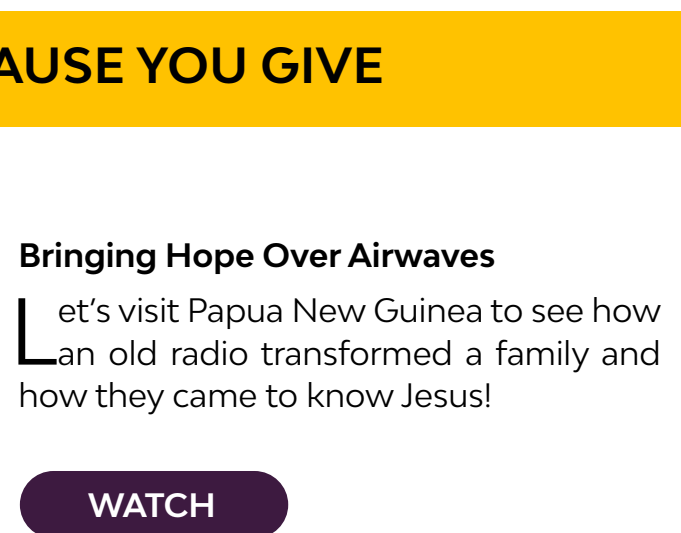
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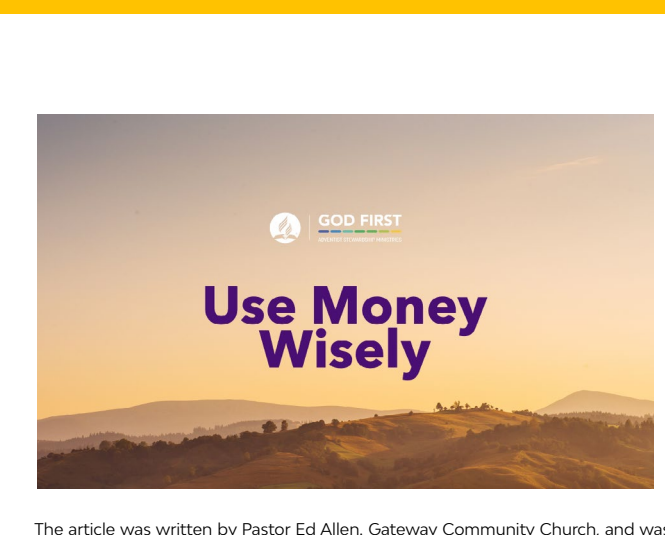
GOOD COPYCATS NEED QUALITY ORIGINALS

Parents are children's earliest models of behavior, for good or ill. Children imitate parents. If parents' behavior and attitude toward life are correct, functional, and most of all godly, this is a good thing. But all of us have behaviors that we would rather our children not imitate. For example, according to Barna research, only 14 percent of American adults engaged in daily ...

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GODFIRST STEWARDSHIP WEBINARS



Jesus As An Example for Stewardship

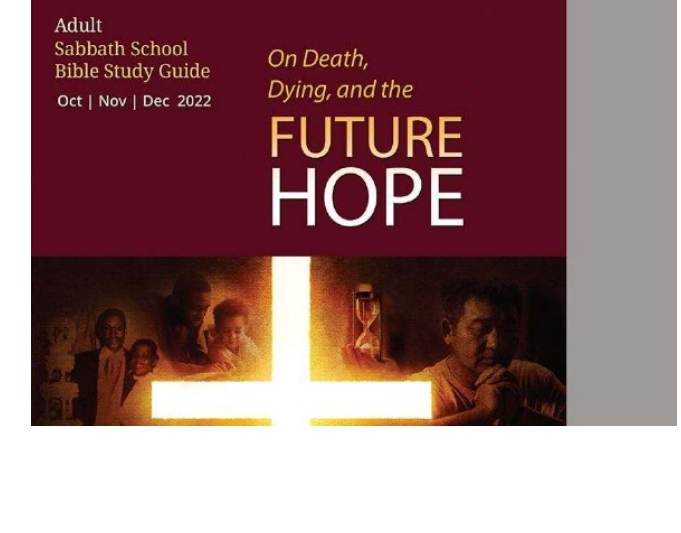
Jesus' way of life is the best example of systematic benevolence in practice. How can the biblical principles of consistent giving, reveal God's character in the lives of His modern-day disciples? Do we need more appeals to support God's mission? Or should we restudy Regular and Systematic Giving?

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BACK TO THE ALTAR

At the 2022 Annual Council, delegates approved the creation and implementation of the Back to the Altar initiative to encourage the daily, habitual practice of morning and evening worship in the lives of Seventh-day Adventist individuals and families for personal revival, reformation, and outreach. Back to the Altar seeks to safeguard the spiritual lives of members and others from the negative effects of ...

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WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



Bringing Hope Over Airwaves

Let's visit Papua New Guinea to see how an old radio transformed a family and how they came to know Jesus!

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DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



Use Money Wisely

Roxane Malecek tells this story in a recent issue of Today's Christian Woman: Little Rachel discovered that her friend who lost a tooth got ten dollars from the tooth fairy. Rachel was astounded she had gotten only two dollars when she lost her tooth! Deciding to correct this great injustice, Rachel said to her friend's mother, "Would you please call my mom and tell her which tooth fairy you use?"

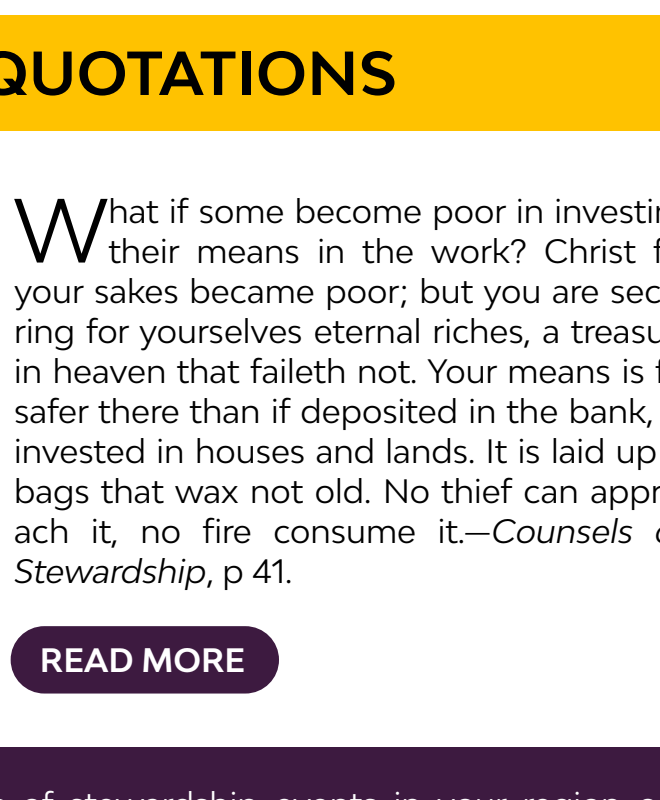
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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON STUDY, 4TH QUARTER, 2022

On Death, Dying, and the Future Hope

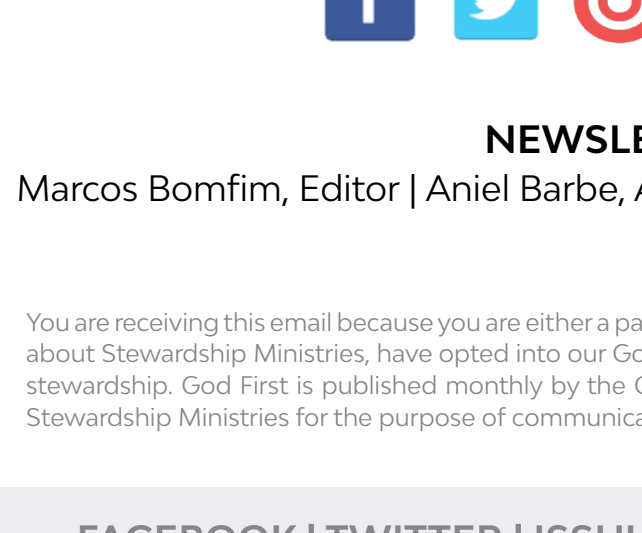
The Adult Bible Study Guide for this quarter, entitled On Death, Dying, and the Future Hope deals with the subject of the great controversy between good and evil from two perspectives. One is the origin and ongoing existence of sin and death. The other is God's enduring work to solve these problems and bring the world back to its original perfect condition.

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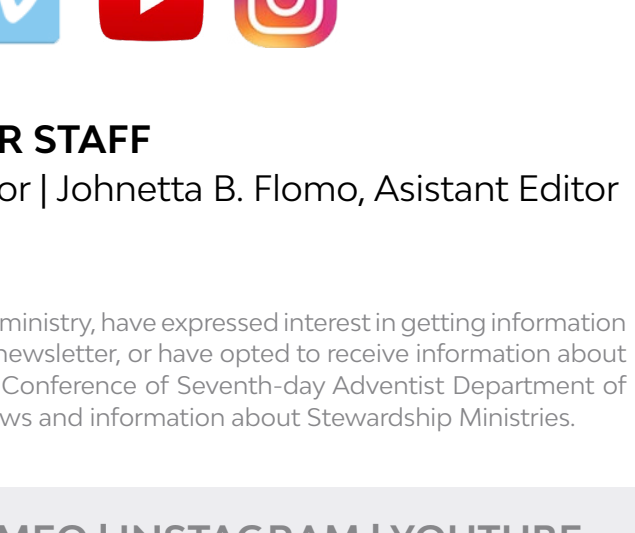
SOMETHING BETTER THAN GOLD



A young man came out of the Ozark Mountains in his early manhood with the firm purpose of making a fortune in gold. Gold became his god, and putting it first, he won it. He came to be worth millions. Then the crash came, and he ...

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GOD SUPPLIED THE NEED



Tony Campolo tells of being invited to speak at a ladies meeting. There were 300 women there. Before he spoke the president of the organization read a letter from a missionary. It was a very moving letter. In the letter the missionary ...

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SUGGESTED RESOURCES

Papiamento—iPromise Commitment Cards, courtesy of Inter-American Division (IAD). Commit to putting God first daily in seven key areas of your life.

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iPromise Commitment Cards for Children. Download these cards. [Aboriginal/Torres Strait](#), [Bislama](#), [English](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Fijian](#), [Fijian Hindi](#), [Spanish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Samoan](#) and [Tongan](#).

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E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS

What if some become poor in investing their means in the work? Christ for your sakes became poor; but you are securing for yourselves eternal riches, a treasure in heaven that faileth not. Your means is far safer there than if deposited in the bank, or invested in houses and lands. It is laid up in bags that wax not old. No thief can approach it, no fire consume it.—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 41.

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