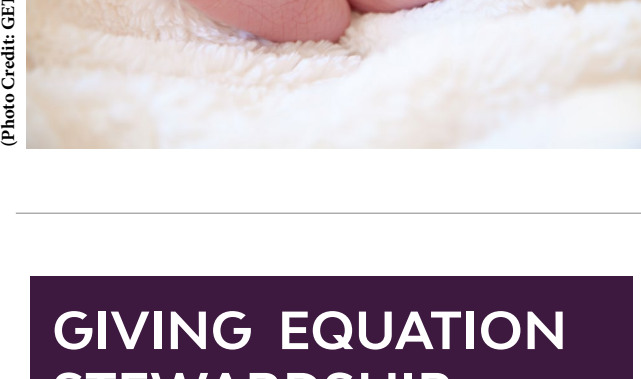




# Matthew 6:33



## EDITORIAL - HAPPINESS



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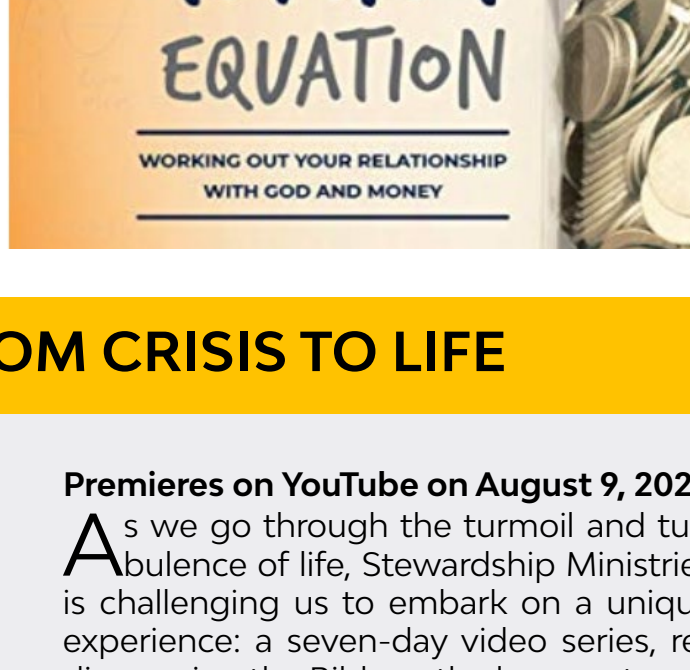
God spoke to Abram about a huge plan He had set up for him. First, He promised Abram to make of him a great nation (Gen. 12:2). Second, He promised to make Abram's descendants as numerous as the dust of the earth (Gen. 13:16). Third, He promised to make Abram's offspring as numerous as the stars in the sky (Gen. 15:5).

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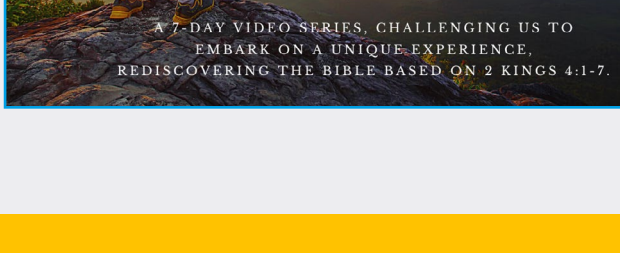
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by Pastor Debleaire Snell



Sermons Room presented 'It Can't Hurt to Ask' by Debleaire Snell. If there ever was a time when we needed to pray, the time is now. God hears our prayers. He knows our needs and He is faithful to His promises. Stand on them! May we not put our hope and trust in things that are unreliable. Jesus is the only reliable Person in our life. May we not treat Him as a fire alarm that we only touch when there's an emergency. As Christians, we must look to Jesus. Our help should come from the Lord and stop being distracted.

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## THE MERIT OF HAPPINESS

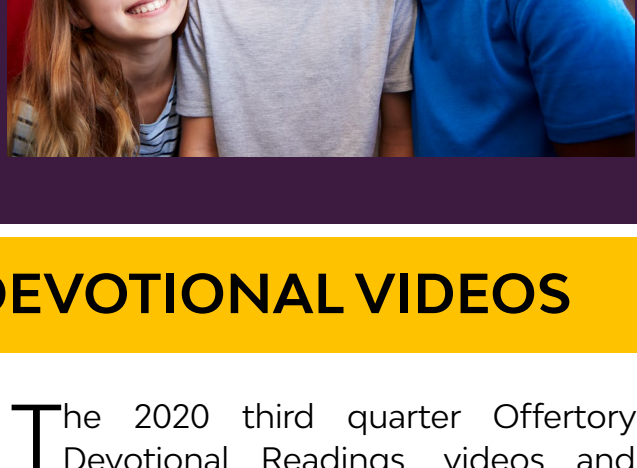
**Summary:** That true happiness is in sacrificing and helping those who are in need, be it physical, mental, or spiritual.

### Parasite Utopia

Even though it had just rained, the air was warm, with precipitation dripping from the leaves of the ferns and trees that lined the steamy mountain trail.

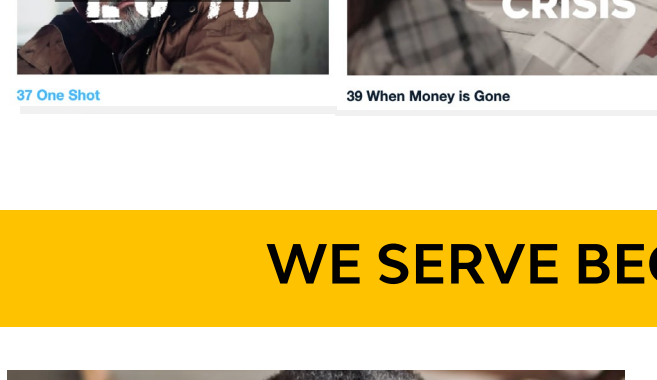
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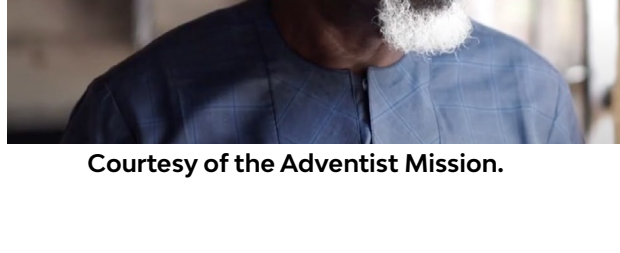
## THIRD QTR OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS



The 2020 third quarter Offertory Devotional Readings, videos and scripts are now available on our website: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2020-tithe-and-offerings-readings-videos> and [YouTube](#). These videos should be presented in churches before the offering collection, followed by a personal (live) appeal and prayer.

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## WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



Courtesy of the Adventist Mission.

### The Plant Ambassadors

There was a silent killer in Ioryina's home. What was produced from his kitchen was not healthy to the body. It was slowly sapping the life and health of his family. That was until he discovered what was slowly taking away their health. Now, Ioryina and his wife teach people about health and the Bible.

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## DO YOU REALLY NEED WHAT YOU WANT?

### Overcoming Financial Stress - Counting Cents

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says: "Do not worry about your life" (Matt. 6:25, NIV)..., indicating that His followers are constrained to obey this command. It is an obligation. However, it is important to be constantly reminded that a divine command is also a divine promise. Read the magazine article [HERE](#) or click the button to download it in PowerPoint.

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## SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS

### HAPPINESS IS...



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A woman I know climbed onto the bathroom scale after two weeks of butterless toast and chilly jogs around the park. The needle was still stuck on the number where she'd started. This struck her as typical of how things had been going for her lately.

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### YOUR ATTITUDE MAKES A DIFFERENCE



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Norman Cousins was hospitalized with a rare, crippling form of arthritis. When he was diagnosed as incurable, Cousins checked out of the hospital. Aware of the harmful effects that negative emotions can have on the body, Cousins reasoned the reverse was true.

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## SUGGESTED RESOURCES



Six eBooks: *Where Do We Bring Our Tithes?*, *Stewardship Roots*, *Tithing in the Writings of EGW*, *Tithing in the New Testament & Christian Church*, *Growing Your Life and Strategic Church Finances*.

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## STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIES



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### ESD: I Can No Longer Live As Before

Alexandr learned about an evangelistic program being held near his home. Since he was retired he had a lot of free time, so he often went for walks in a nearby park. Once while walking there, an unfamiliar woman gave him an invitation flyer to evangelistic meetings. Alexandr was not very interested in God or the Bible, but because he lived close to the Seventh-day...

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## E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



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His hours of happiness were found when alone with nature and with God. Whenever it was his privilege, He turned aside from the scene of His labor, to go into the fields, to meditate in the green valleys, to hold communion with God on the mountainside or amid the trees of the forest. The early morning often found Him in some secluded place, meditating....—*A Call to Stand Apart*, p. 9.

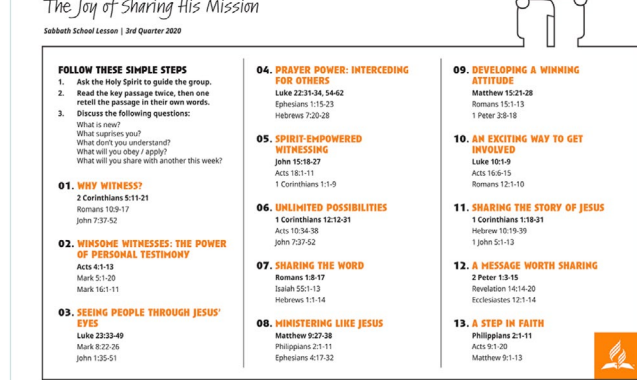
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Courtesy of the South Pacific Division

Making Friends for God: The Joy of Sharing His Mission in His Mission is the theme of the third quarter Sabbath School lessons. Get weekly insight to the lesson; view/download the weekly Sabbath School videos: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7282009> or read the lesson of quarter 3: <https://disciple.org.au/resources/making-friends-for-god/>. More videos will be uploaded when available.

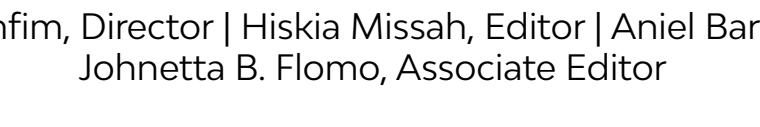
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