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### Stewardship Ministries Strategic Plan 2017 - 2020

"Complexity should not be admired; it should be avoided." Author Unknown



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### Editorial - Cheerful Giver

One Friday afternoon in the Philippines, I picked up my daughter from her school's dormitory for her to spend the weekend with us at home. On our way home, we would pass by the office of the telephone company and the McDonald's. My daughter said, "Dad, please stop by McDonald's. I want to buy fries because I feel very hungry." I said, "OK." So, I gave her some money to buy ...

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### E. G. White's Corner

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." If we act in the spirit of this counsel, we may invite the Divine One to audit the accounts of our temporal matters. We may feel that we are only giving offerings from that which is our Lord's entrusted gift."

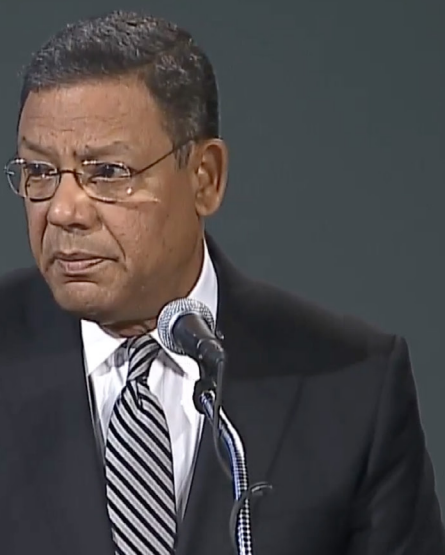
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### Seventh-day Adventists Refocus on Stewardship and Systematic Giving

Juan Prestol-Puesan  
General Conference Treasurer  
presents the Treasurer's report  
during the 2017 Annual Council meetings.



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### Jesus and the Offering



Jesus looks at the giving heart as a living sacrifice, "This is your spiritual act of worship," Paul rightly states in Romans 12:1. If Jesus was impressed with how much was given, he would have appreciated the others who gave much. When God asked Abraham to offer his son Isaac, God was not interested in Isaac as an offering but in the heart of Abraham as a worshiper. (Genesis 22:10-12.) An offering is the evidence of worship. This is true even with idle or devil worshipers. No one worships without an offering. Actually, worship means offering.

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Article written by William Bagambe, ECD Stewardship Ministries Director and previously printed in the Apr-Jun 2011 issue of the Dynamic Steward journal.

### Sermon Illustrations



### The Lord's Calf

Martyn Lloyd-Jones told a story about a farmer who went into the house one day to tell his wife and family some good news. "The cow just gave birth to twin calves, one red and one white," he said. He continued, "We must dedicate one of these calves to the Lord..."

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### Cheerful Giving

A mother wanted to teach her daughter a moral lesson. She gave the little girl a quarter and a dollar for church "Put whichever one you want in the collection plate and keep the other for yourself," she told the girl. When they were coming out of church, the mother asked her daughter...

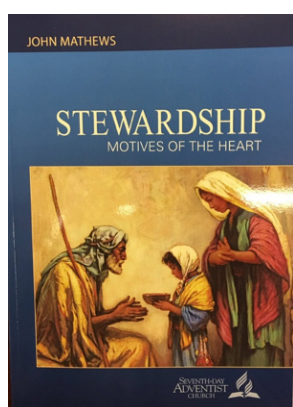
### Quote Gleanings

"No person was ever honored for what he received. He was honored for what he gave."  
— Calvin Coolidge

"You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who'll never be able to repay you."  
— John Wooden

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### Stewardship Resources - Stewardship Quarterly



During the first quarter of 2018, the Adult Sabbath School Quarterly will be focused on Stewardship authored by John Mathews, Stewardship Ministries director of the North American Division. He is also the author of the companion book, *Stewardship - Motives of the heart*. Other works of John Mathews include a series on *children's stewardship books* that he co-authored with his wife, Janice Mathews.



### Division News (View More)

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