



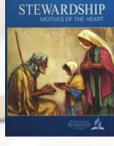
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1st Quarter 2018 Stewardship Motives of the Heart



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Weekly introductory videos to the Sabbath School Adult Lesson Study Guide by John Mathews, author of the quarterly. See also videos from SPD.



Editorial - 100% Promise

My mind was preoccupied with doing the finishing touches of our department's holiday display depicting the city of Bethlehem. My husband and I had completed the building of the arch entering the city and the city walls. As we set up for the nativity scene—the welcoming of our Savior into this world—the thoughts of our chosen theme, "The Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem," mesmerized my mind.

Article written by Johnetta B. Flomo, Associate-Editor - God First

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God First Why Early in the Morning by Marcus Bomfim Stewardship Ministries Director

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Ethics, Stewardship, and the Hidden Agenda

The daunting question that haunts many organizations, "Why do good, smart, sincere, people do dumb things?" So often they have an ulterior motive, sometimes called a "hidden agenda," which suggests that a less than transparent position is necessary to accomplish a desired result. "No one wakes up one day and decides, 'You know what..."

"Ethics, stewardship, and the illusive hidden agenda" by Larry R. Evans published in the November 2017 issue of Ministry. The article first appeared in the November 2017 issue of Ministry, International Journal for Pastors, www.MinistryMagazine.org. Used by permission.



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E. G. White's Corner

The gift of God to man is beyond computation. Nothing was withheld. God would not permit it to be said that He could have done more, or revealed to humanity a greater measure of love. In the gift of Christ He gave all heaven.

How God's Love is Manifested, Part 1 by E. G. White, published in The [Australasian] Union Conference Record, June 1, 1900.

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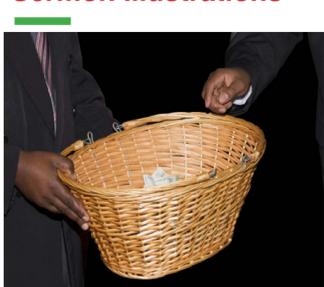
Bought With A Price

Until the gospel grips our souls, our stewardship is stingy. Until we, like Abraham, recognize the total lordship of Jesus, we will have difficulty placing on the altar our most cherished possession, ourselves. The gospel is not a matter of fear; it is a matter of love. Abraham did not respond out of fear of what God could do. Neither did he respond out of duty.

Article written by Pastor Don Driver, previously published in the July-September 1998 issue of the Dynamic Steward Magazine.

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Sermon Illustrations



Giving Freely

"When we give freely, we feel full and complete; when we withhold, we feel small, petty, impotent, and lacking. We are meant to learn this great truth, that giving fulfills us, while withholding and trying to get causes us to feel empty and even more needy..."

— Gina Lake

God's Gift

All too often we regard stewardship simply as a matter of our giving to God, but this aspect is secondary. Before we can give, we must possess, and before we possess we must receive. Therefore, stewardship is, in the first place, receiving God's good and bounteous gifts.

— Murray J. Harris

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City of Bethlehem

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Stewardship Ministries recreate the settings of Jesus' birth in the City of Bethlehem.



Division News (View More)

Southern Asia Division Stewardship Advisory

About 48 Stewardship Ministries leaders of six unions attended a division wide Stewardship Advisory which was held from November 30 – December 2, 2017 at Aizawl, Mizoram in India (Mizo Conference of the Southern Asia Division).



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