



Matthew 6:33



DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—2ND QUARTER

More Prayers...More Faithfulness

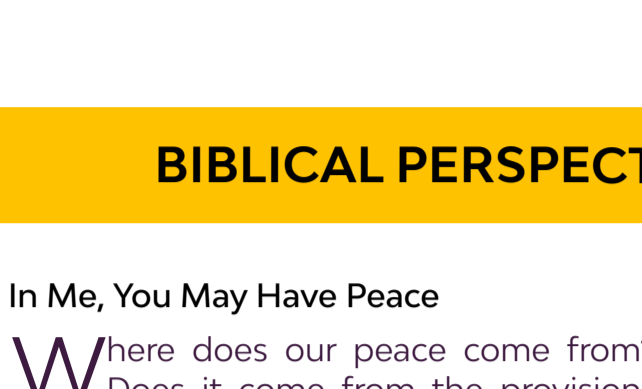
In 1 Timothy 2:1-4, where apostle Paul introduces intercessory prayer as a foundational practice for effective ministry to his protégé Timothy using the tone of fatherly supplication. Intercessory prayer creates breakthroughs to lead people to salvation and embrace the truth. This spiritual discipline brings expansion and changes the dynamics toward the hard-to-reach. Read on issue below. [Subscribe](#).

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STEWARDSHIP QUESTION ANSWERED



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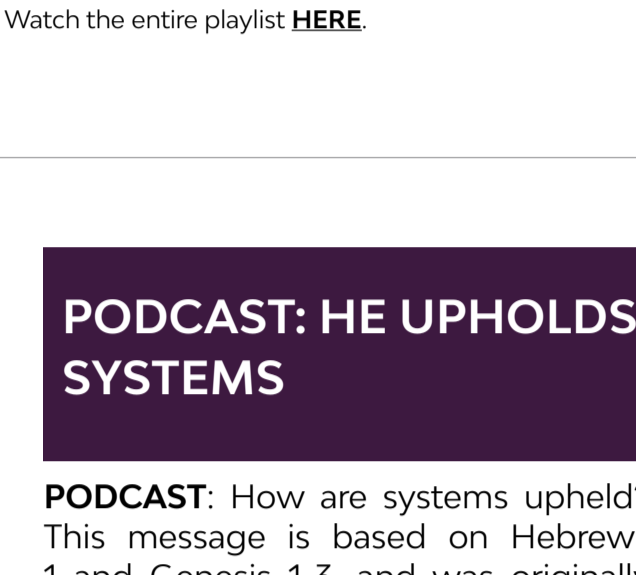
Tithing the Increase in a Home Sale
My husband and I have a difference in the definition of "increase" as it applies to the sale of our home. In the FAQ, you said, "For those who are in business for themselves, they must first deduct their business expenses or the cost of doing business." My husband thinks that means the "increase" is the net amount that we received for the sale. . .

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES ON STEWARDSHIP

In Me, You May Have Peace

Where does our peace come from? Does it come from the provisions that we've set aside for ourselves, or is it found in Jesus, our Creator, Provider, and Sustainer? In this conversation, Pastor Chad and Dr. Frank Hasel close out the season with an honest conversation about money, life change, and how we can make Jesus our "peace."

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Watch the entire playlist [HERE](#).



PODCAST: HE UPHOLDS SYSTEMS

PODCAST: How are systems upheld? This message is based on Hebrews 1 and Genesis 1-3, and was originally presented to Men's Ministry members of the Triadelphia Church in Maryland.

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2023 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS



English, French, Spanish and Portuguese
Lighting Up All Corners is a collection of true stories written by Charlotte Ishkanian—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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MONTHLY OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

The offertory devotional videos (May to August 2023) are available on our [website](#) (+PDF &Script), [YouTube](#) and [Vimeo](#). Watch videos of previous years: 2022, 2021 and 2020. Videos for June-December 2023 will be made available as they are ready. This years' videos are also available in [Cantonese](#), [French](#), [Hungarian](#), [Mandarin](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Russian](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Spanish](#), and [Ukrainian](#).

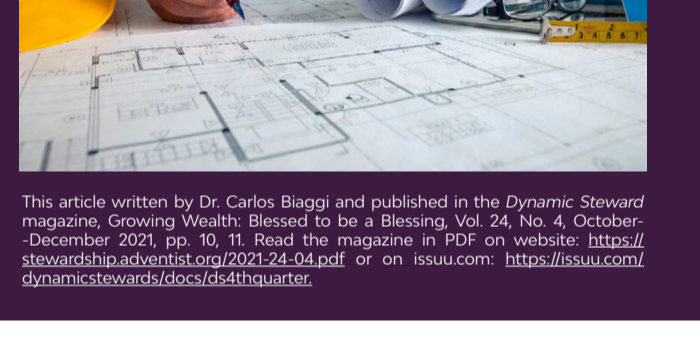
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July 2023 Offertory Devotional Videos



July 1—The Man with the Curious Cap

July 8—Where Do Offerings Go

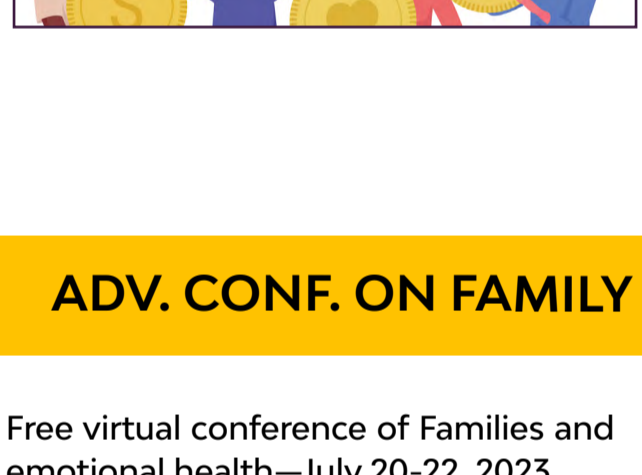


July 15—Following God's Leading

July 22—Spiritual Light for the Blind

2024 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Now also in [French](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Spanish](#).



Principles of True Worship

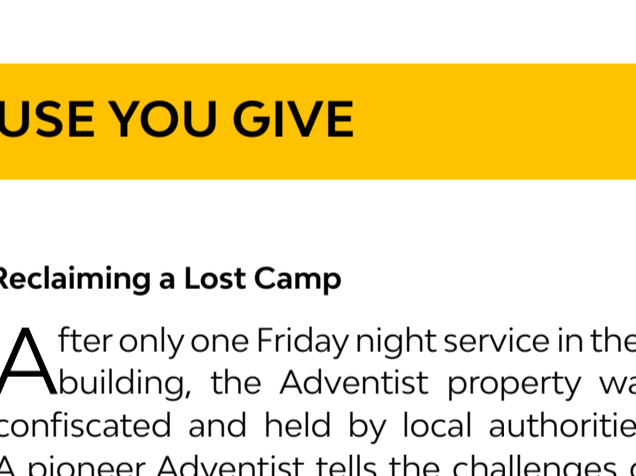
Author Josanan Alves uncovers 52 Principles of True Worship in the 2024 Tithes and Offerings Devotional Readings. These readings are to be presented in the local church every Sabbath before the local offering collection. Contact us below if your church entity wants to translate the manuscript for distribution in your territory.

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CHRISTIAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP: IDENTITY, PURPOSE, & RULES

God has called many of us to be entrepreneurs, to start a business that will bring glory to Him. However, sometimes we lose our identity and our purpose. So the purpose of this article is to help Christian entrepreneurs to find in God their identity, their purpose, and the rules to operate their businesses.

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This article written by Dr. Carlos Biaggi and published in the Dynamic Steward magazine, Growing Wealth: Blessed to be a Blessing Vol. 24, No. 4, October-December 2021, pp. 10, 11. Read the magazine in PDF on website: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2021-24-04.pdf> or on issue.com: <https://issue.com/dynamicsteward/magazine/2021-24-04.pdf>

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The Most Needed Kind of Offering in a Church

As leaders, we find it easy to focus on the tithes and offerings. Occasionally, we even relegate offerings to a place of secondary importance, ignoring that they propel the growth of the local congregation, promote the church's worldwide mission, and allow church members to show their generosity. A balanced focus on both should lead us to practice "the latter, without neglecting the former" (Matt. 23:23, NIV).

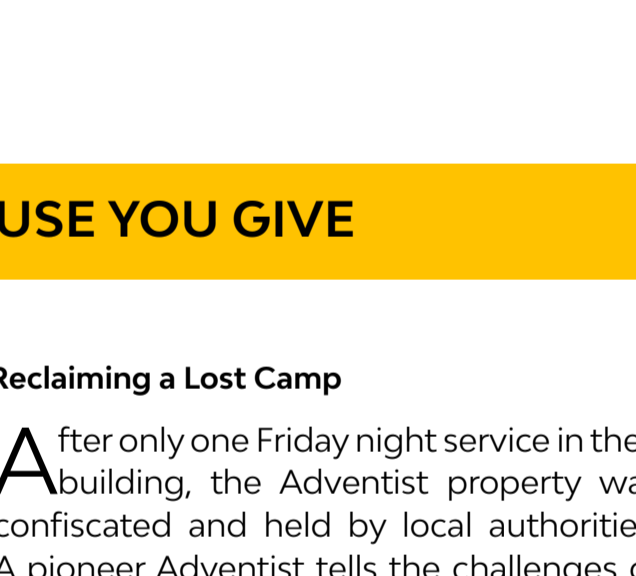
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ADV. CONF. ON FAMILY RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

Free virtual conference of Families and emotional health—July 20-22, 2023.

Do you need to improve your marriage, family life or enhance the Family Ministries in your local church? The conference is designed to expose the best practice strategies and research in the areas of family ministries, family studies, family counseling/therapy, social work and psychology. Register online to attend.

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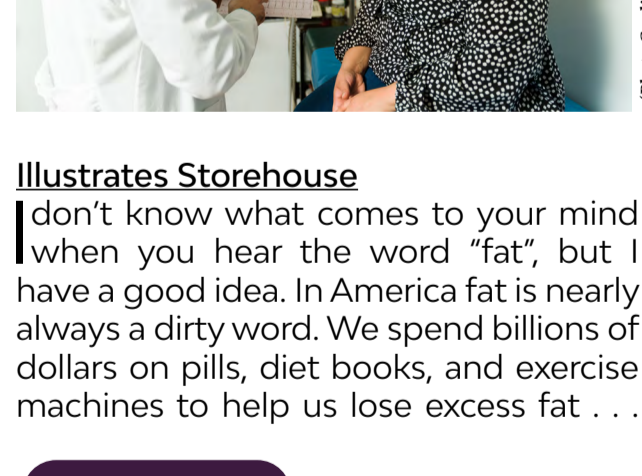
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Pioneer Adventist to Zelenika
Courtesy of the Adventist Mission.

Reclaiming a Lost Camp

After only one Friday night service in their building, the Adventist property was confiscated and held by local authorities. A pioneer Adventist tells the challenges of the early days in Montenegro.

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DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



This article was written by Julian Archer, Stewardship Ministries director of SPD, and was published in the Dynamic Steward magazine, April-June 2023, vol. 26, no. 2, pp. 6-7. Read the article: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/blessings-up-knees-down> and the complete magazine here: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2023-26-2.pdf>

Blessings Up, Knees Down

Sacrifice and attitude. Sacrifice to repay what God has done for you... Give until it hurts... In the average church, phrases like these are common stewardship arsenal. Though frequently used, these statements often reflect a non-biblical approach and attitude. But Scripture can help us gain a wider and better understanding of what sacrifice really means.

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SERMON ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

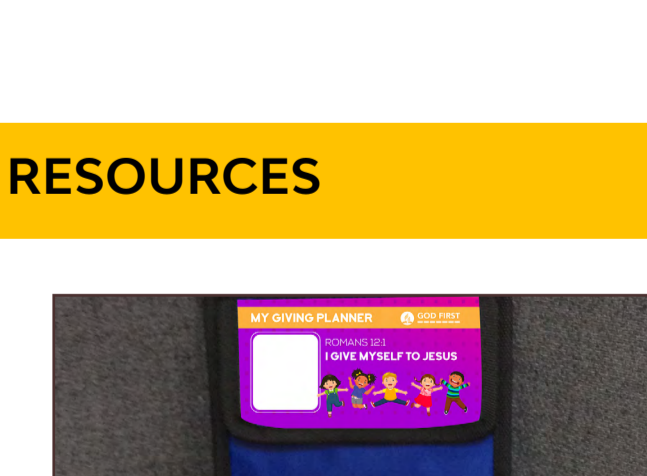
FAT



Illustrates Storehouse
I don't know what comes to your mind when you hear the word "fat", but I have a good idea. In America fat is nearly always a dirty word. We spend billions of dollars on pills, diet books, and exercise machines to help us lose excess fat. . .

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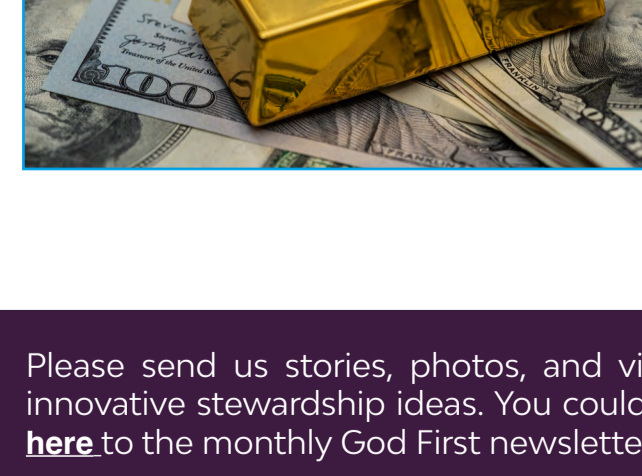
GIVING MYSELF



Illustrates Sacrificial Giving
I heard a story about a little boy who wanted to give God an offering but had nothing to give. He sat on the floor, watching people pass by and place their offerings in large wicker baskets. How he longed to give a little something to. . .

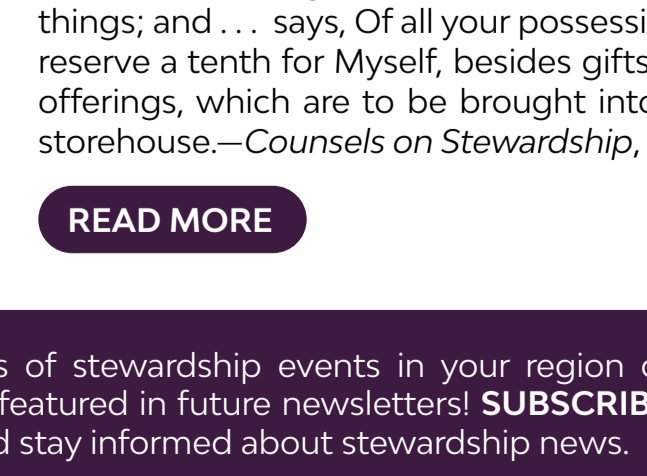
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SUGGESTED RESOURCES



Videos—God First—Stewardship Videos for Millennials. The "God First" video series (3 videos) was developed to help people connect with God, providing for them a living experience of trust in Him. In English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

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E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS

So the Lord has imparted to us heaven's richest treasure in giving to Jesus. With Him He has given us all things richly to enjoy. . . Houses and lands, food and clothing. He has placed in the possession of men. He asks us to acknowledge Him as the Giver of all things; and . . . says, Of all your possessions I reserve a tenth for Myself, besides gifts and offerings, which are to be brought into My storehouse.—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 65

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