



# Matthew 6:33



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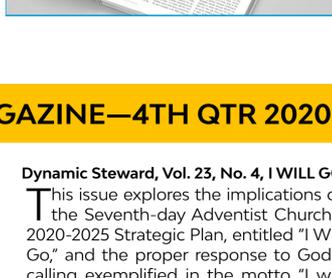
We know the story of Ananias and Sapphira—the husband and wife who were, presumably, a respected couple in the church. They were prominent leaders and possibly active church fundraisers. As part of their efforts to raise money, they planned to sell a piece of their property, and they PROMISED that all the money they got would be given ...

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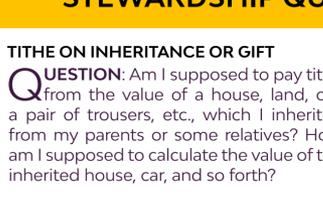
### STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS DAY DEC. 5, 2020

World Stewardship Emphasis Day, a day to reflect and ask ourselves if we are seeking God first in our daily existence. Access sermons, presentations, and children's stories for your local church.

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## DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—4TH QTR 2020



**Dynamic Steward, Vol. 23, No. 4, I WILL GO**  
This issue explores the implications of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, entitled "I Will Go," and the proper response to God's calling exemplified in the motto "I will go." Stewardship ministries play a crucial role in encouraging people to look to the sufficiency of Christ, even in the face of seemingly overwhelming challenges.

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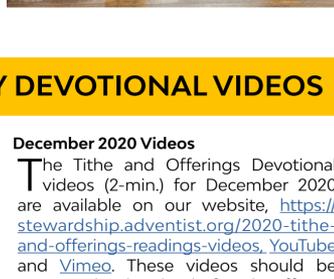
## STEWARDSHIP QUESTION AND ANSWER

### TITHE ON INHERITANCE OR GIFT

**QUESTION:** Am I supposed to pay tithe from the value of a house, land, car, a pair of trousers, etc., which I inherited from my parents or some relatives? How am I supposed to calculate the value of the inherited house, car, and so forth?

**ANSWER:** If you continue living in that house or owning the land or driving the ...

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## FOURTH QTR OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS



Dec. 5—Big Trees Replaced by Small Trees



Dec. 12—The Isolated Tither



Dec. 19—The Last Two Christmas Eggs



Dec. 26—Saved By the God First Principle

### December 2020 Videos

The Tithes and Offerings Devotional videos (2-min.) for December 2020 are available on our website, <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2020-tithe-and-offerings-readings-videos>, YouTube and Vimeo. These videos should be presented in churches before the offering collection, followed by a personal (live) appeal and prayer.

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### STRATEGIC ORIENTATION (2020 - 2025)

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

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# BE READY!

by Pastor Pavel Goia



GC Stewardship Ministries presented "Be Ready" by Pastor Pavel Goia. "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry" (Heb. 10:37, KJV). This is a sure promise. We need to live as though He is coming today. We need to be ready at all times and not be getting ready! God has warned us that He is coming again. We must heed His warning and be ready. One way to prepare is to know the Holy Scriptures. Another way is to pray in all seasons, being continually connected to Christ. Don't wait for tomorrow as tomorrow never comes.

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### A MATTER OF TRUST

Understanding God's Principles

Let me first give you three reasons why Christians don't give more to God: (1) They don't think they have enough to give. (2) They don't know how to give. (3) They don't budget to give. Stewardship principles, however, make a difference. If people really understood the principles of stewardship, they would see that all these reasons at ...

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Excerpt from "A Matter of Trust" by Pastor Robert G. Herring, Bethel Lutheran Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Previously published in the Dynamic Steward Magazine, vol. 3, no. 4 (October-December 1999), pp. 6-9. <https://stewardship.adventist.org/1999-3-4.pdf>



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### 2021 GOD FIRST—TITHE & OFFERINGS READINGS DEVOTIONAL

Written by Pastor Sam Neves and edited by Nathan Brown, the 2021 Tithe and Offerings Devotional Readings are now available for translation.

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### Not By My Strength

Global Mission pioneers are church planters who impact their communities in positive ways. This pioneer's love for Christ moves him to make friends with his neighbors, mingling with them and introducing them to Christ. Pray for this Center of Influence in Southern Asia.

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## 2021 TITHE AND OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

### January/February 2021 Devotional Videos

The 2021 videos for January/February (2-min.), *Bible Characters Who Put God First*, are available for translation and ready for use in the local church, beginning Jan. 2, 2021. They should be presented each Sabbath before the offering collection, followed by a live offering and prayer. Visit [Vimeo](https://vimeo.com) or our website using the link below.

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Jan. 2—When Jesus Put God First



Jan. 9—When Abraham Put God First



Jan. 16—When Moses Put God First



Jan. 23—When Joshua Put God First

## THE COMBINED OFFERING PLAN



### Recommended Offering Plan

The Combined Offering Plan (COP) supports all levels of the church; a significant portion of each week's offering remains in the local church for operational and local ministry needs. Explore our new COP page to read articles and infographics, get Power-Point presentations or watch related videos.

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## SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS

### ASTOR'S PROMISE

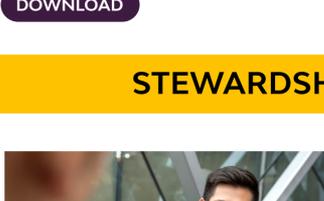


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One stormy night an elderly couple entered the lobby of a small hotel and asked for a room. The clerk said they were full and that they would probably find that all the other hotels in town were as well. "But I can't send a fine couple like you out into the rain..."

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### THE TREASURE HUNT



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For more than thirty years, archaeologist Howard Carter searched the deserts of Egypt for something that most people thought didn't exist—the tomb of King Tutankhamen. Most experts believed that everything in the Valley of the Kings had already been discovered, but Car...

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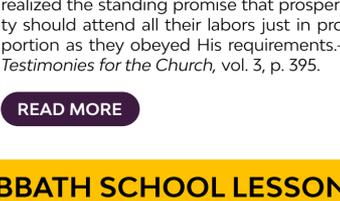
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## SUGGESTED RESOURCES



*It Really Is A Lifestyle* is a brochure that addresses the concept of stewardship as a lifestyle—centering on Jesus Christ as Savior/Lord. An excellent handout for church worship or training programs.

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*God First at Home: Family Worship* is a study guide that focuses on values and actions related to family worship, based on God's revealed will for us.

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## DS IN PPTX—PATHWAY TO TRANSFORM REALITY

### Building Our Strategic Document

When you decide to build something grandiose there are two essentials to consider; the finish product and the structure, the frame. We all know that the structure will determine the solidity, longevity and resistance of the building. The same is true with strategic plans or any plan. Structure first. And this is the strength of the plan that we have developed together!

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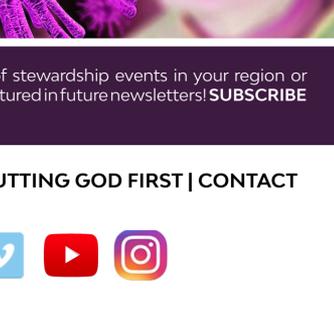


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## STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIES



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### NSD: Hong Kong

We pursue different things in life, career, family, money, etc., and each has varied priorities. What's your priority? We must put 'God First!' I am grateful for what I experienced in 2019. Working in the social welfare sector is not that easy to keep the Sabbath and given the fact that most of the senior community centers require a ...

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## E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



Whenever God's people, in any period of the world, have cheerfully and willingly carried out His plan in systematic benevolence and in offerings, they have realized the standing promise that prosperity should attend all their labors just in proportion as they obeyed His requirements.—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 3, p. 395.

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## "EDUCATION" Q4 2020 SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS

Courtesy of the South Pacific Division  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10, NKJV). Learn from God; explore weekly insights into "Education" Q4 2020 Sabbath School lesson. Resources include Video Clips and Discovery Bible Study Guides: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/17560082> or read the lesson: <https://disciple.org.au/resources/education/>.

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