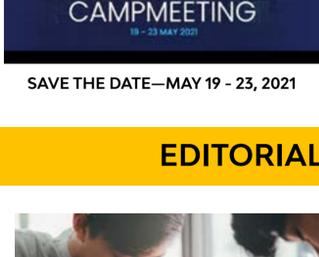




# Matthew 6:33



## ADVENTIST VIRTUAL GLOBAL CAMP MEETING



SAVE THE DATE—MAY 19 - 23, 2021

First Adventist Virtual Global Camp Meeting featuring more than 400 programs, workshops, seminars, presentations, and more than 100 exhibitors will take place from May 19-23, 2021, in three major regions: Asia-Pacific, Euro-Africa and the Americas. Visit the "Impactful Living" booth to learn more about Stewardship Ministries, Planned Giving and Trust Services, and Donor Advised Funds.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## EDITORIAL - ASSURANCE



(Photo Credit: GETTY IMAGES)

About five years ago I had a challenging health condition. I became ill and was admitted to the hospital. For six weeks I went through rehabilitation and various therapies. It was a long period of time to spend in the hospital. It felt like ages. While lying on my sick bed, I contemplated the happenings in my life. At that time I had been serving...

[READ MORE](#)

### WHEN RUTH PUT GOD FIRST EARNS MUSE CREATIVE AWARD

God First video, *When Ruth Put God First* wins Muse Creative Award—Gold.

[READ MORE](#)



## DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—APRIL-MAY 2021

### Stewards From the Cradle

*Dynamic Steward*, vol. 24, no. 2, April-May 2021, "Stewards of the Cradle" establishes the case for educating our children in stewardship and provides strategies to impart attitudes and grow habits in God First stewardship in our youngest disciples. Read it on our website or on [issuu.com](http://issuu.com), then click "like," "comment," and "pass Him on!"

[READ MORE](#)



## TREASURER'S REPORT TO SPRING MEETING 2021



Juan Prestol-Puesán, Treasurer

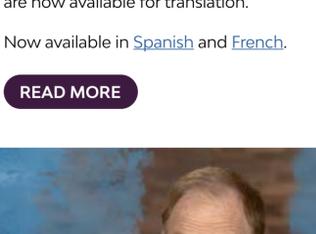
**FINANCIAL STORY OF 2020**  
The Fiscal year 2020 (FY 2020) was unique. It was the first year of the new quinquennium and the words to describe it are unexpected, unpredictable, and uncertain. It was a survival year, disastrous for many and new opportunities for others. In spite of the challenges we faced in 2020, the results of the FY 2020 reflect that the finances of the General Conference remain viable.

[READ MORE](#)

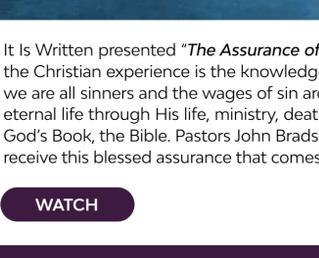
### STEWARDSHIP MIN. STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

Based on the "I Will Go" Strategic Focus (2020-2025) of the General Conference, this strategic orientation is now available in [French](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), and [SAD's adaptation](#).

[READ MORE](#)



## 2021 TITHE AND OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL



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

Now available in [Spanish](#) and [French](#).

[READ MORE](#)

## The Assurance of Salvation

by Pastor John Bradshaw



It Is Written presented "*The Assurance of Salvation*" by Pastor John Bradshaw. The key to the Christian experience is the knowledge of our eternal destiny in Jesus Christ. Although we are all sinners and the wages of sin are death, Jesus Christ has given us the free gift of eternal life through His life, ministry, death, and resurrection. We know this because it's in God's Book, the Bible. Pastors John Bradshaw and Ron Halvorsen discuss how people can receive this blessed assurance that comes from knowing the Savior and His salvation.

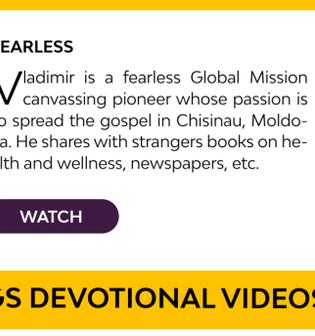
[WATCH](#)

### LET'S GO BACK TO BETHEL

**Summary:** It's easy to become so comfortable at Shechem that we forget about the promises we made at Bethel. Maybe, like Jacob, we were wandering around lost in life, but the grace of God found us and comforted us in the day of our distress. This sermon stresses, we need to find our way back to Bethel.

[READ MORE](#)

This abridged sermon by Dr. William D. Welby was previously published in the July-September 2002 issue of the *Dynamic Steward* magazine, vol. 4, no. 1, pp. 12-15. <https://steewardshipministries.org/2002/5-3.pdf>.

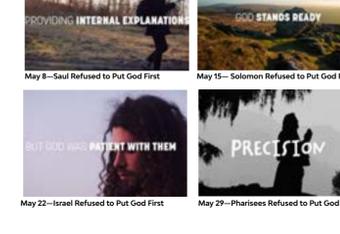


(Photo Credit: GETTY IMAGES)

### THE BIBLE AND HOW WE READ IT VIDEO SERIES

This series has nine short videos that unpack key concepts to go with the book *Enjoy the Living Word* and address this issue of how the Bible came to be, what Adventists believe about the inspiration of Scripture, and why we have so many versions of the Bible.

[READ MORE](#)



## WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



Courtesy of the Adventist Mission.

**FEARLESS**  
Vladimir is a fearless Global Mission canvasser pioneer whose passion is to spread the gospel in Chisinau, Moldova. He shares with strangers books on health and wellness, newspapers, etc.

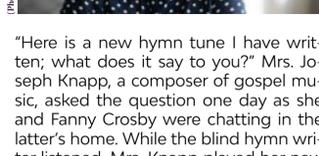
[WATCH](#)

## MAY 2021 TITHE & OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

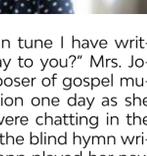
### MAY 2021 Videos

Offeritory devotional videos (2-min.) for the second quarter of 2021 are ready for use in your local church. They are available in [Chinese](#), [English](#), [French \(undated 2020 videos\)](#), [Hungarian](#), [Japanese](#), [Portuguese](#), [Romanian](#), [Russian](#), and [Spanish](#). Present them each Sabbath before the offering collection. Find them also on our [website](#).

[READ MORE](#)



May 8—Saul Refused to Put God First



May 15—Solomon Refused to Put God First

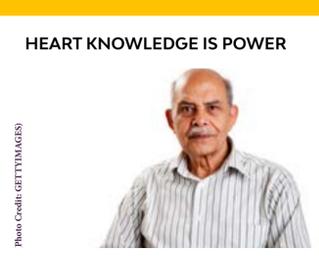


May 22—Israel Refused to Put God First



May 29—Pharisees Refused to Put God First

## DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



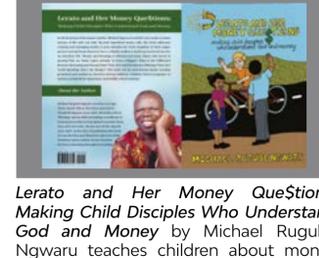
Article by Pastor Benjamin C. Maxson, former director of GC Stewardship and previously published in *Dynamic Steward*, vol. 5, no. 2, April-June 2001, pp. 4-5. <https://steewardshipministries.org/2001/5-2.pdf>.

**Partnership With Jesus**  
**Summary:** What differentiates duty from ministry?  
I'm tired of talking to children. I've been Kindergarten leader for twenty-five years. I want out! Betty's plaintive appeal came as the church nominating committee was beginning its work. She had been in that department from the time her first child enter...

[READ MORE](#)

## SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS

### HEART KNOWLEDGE IS POWER



(Photo Credit: GETTY IMAGES)

Some years ago at a drawing-room function, one of England's leading actors was asked to recite for the pleasure of his fellow guests. He consented and asked if there was anything special that his audience would like to hear. After a moment's pause, an old clergyman present said: "Could you, sir, recite to ...

[READ MORE](#)

### BLESSED ASSURANCE JESUS IS MINE



(Photo Credit: GETTY IMAGES)

"Here is a new hymn tune I have written; what does it say to you?" Mrs. Joseph Knapp, a composer of gospel music, asked the question one day as she and Fanny Crosby were chatting in the latter's home. While the blind hymn writer listened, Mrs. Knapp played her new tune several times on the piano.

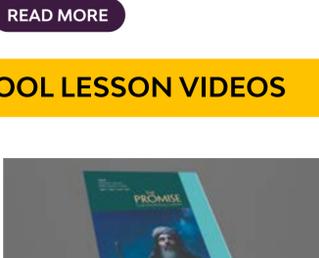
[READ MORE](#)

## SUGGESTED RESOURCES



**Lerato and Her Money Questions: Making Child Disciples Who Understand God and Money** by Michael Rugube Ngwaru teaches children about money management and the God first principle.

[READ MORE](#)



**Participant's Workbook—Lerato and Her Money Questions**, a companion book is filled with many activities, designed to lead these young disciples to reflect, analyze, and draw conclusions.

[READ MORE](#)

## E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



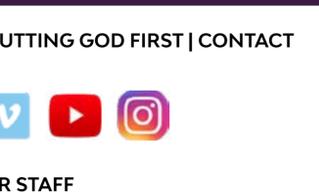
The Lord now calls upon Seventh-day Adventists ... to consecrate themselves to Him and to do their very best, ..., to assist in His work. By their liberality in making gifts and offerings, He desires them to reveal their appreciation of His blessings and their gratitude for His mercy.—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 132

[READ MORE](#)

## Q2 2021 SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON VIDEOS

**The Promise: God's Everlasting Covenant**  
Instead of fear, God's covenant is love, a love that led Him to the Cross. Because of what Christ did for us, we love God back and surrender our sinful ways, our fears, our twisted notions of right and wrong. Watch video introduction of the lesson: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7975834> or get the lesson: <https://absq.adventist.org/current-quarter>.

[READ MORE](#)



## HOLY CONVOCATION (SOUTH PERUVIAN UNION)



The South Peruvian Union organized a one-week (Sabbath to Sabbath) virtual Holy Convocation reaching to all congregations and small Groups of their territory. They used puppets to teach Stewardship concepts every night during the program. There are 1,160 churches, with a total membership of 195,822.

[SEE MORE](#)

## CLICK HERE FOR CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES & TOOLS

## CLICK HERE FOR COVID YOUTH ALIVE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Please send us stories, photos, and videos of stewardship events in your region or innovative stewardship ideas. You could be featured in future newsletters! [SUBSCRIBE here](#) to the monthly God First newsletter and stay informed about stewardship news.



### NEWSLETTER STAFF

Marcos Bomfim, Director | Hiskia Missah, Editor | Aniel Barbe, Advisor | Johnetta B. Flomo, Associate Editor

You are receiving this email because you are either a partner in ministry, have expressed interest in getting information about Stewardship Ministries, have opted into our God First newsletter, or have opted to receive information about stewardship. God First is published monthly by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Department of Stewardship Ministries for the purpose of communicating news and information about Stewardship Ministries.

