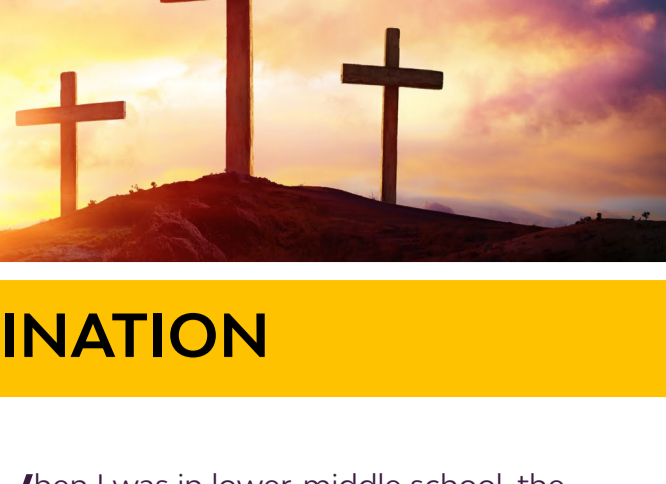
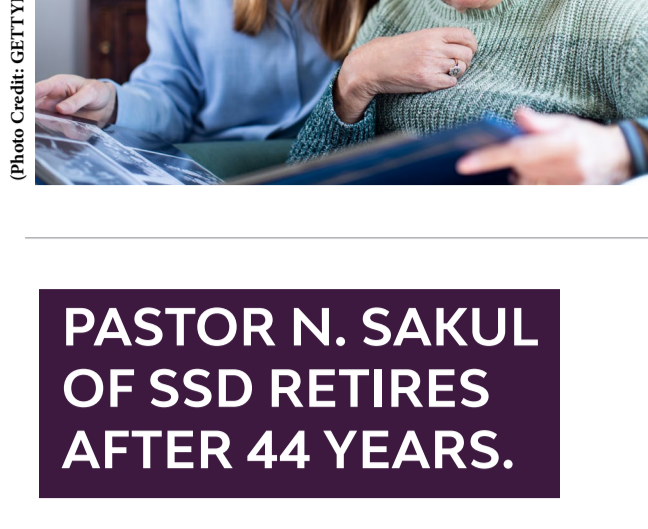




# Matthew 6:33



## EDITORIAL - INCLINATION



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When I was in lower-middle school, the subject I liked the most was history. I love studying history because I can learn about past societies and how they have changed, as well as their accomplishments and mistakes. Most important, knowing history helps me to be a better person because it guides me in making good decisions.

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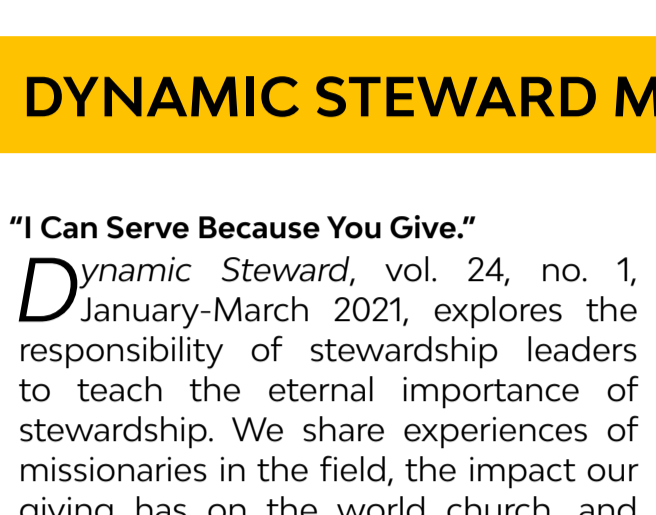
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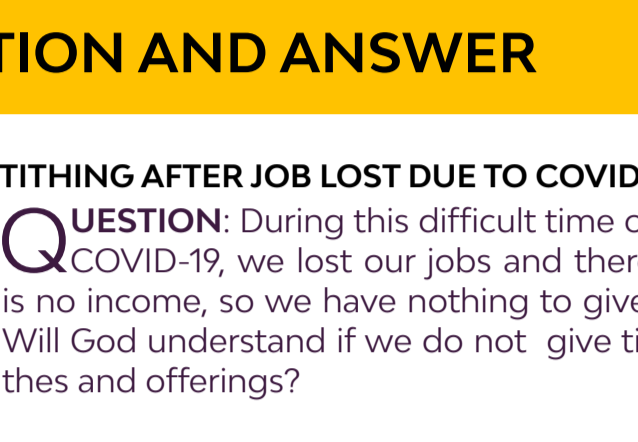
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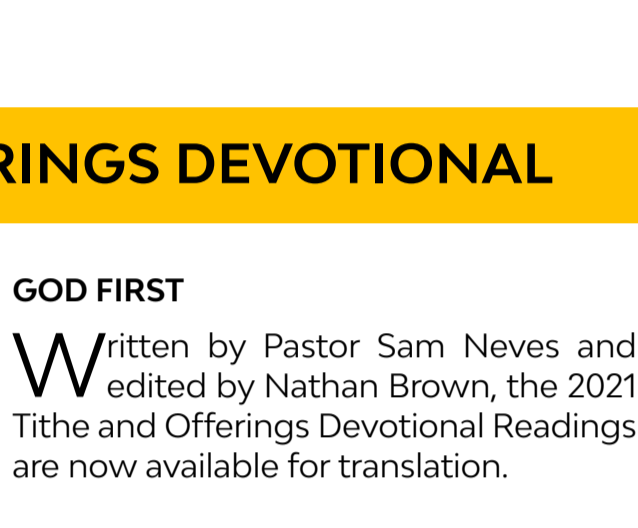
**QUESTION:** During this difficult time of COVID-19, we lost our jobs and there is no income, so we have nothing to give. Will God understand if we do not give tithes and offerings?

**ANSWER:** Ellen White in her book *Counsels on Stewardship*, page 17, wrote: "When the heavenly Benefactor ceases to give to us, then we may be excused; for we shall have nothing to bestow."

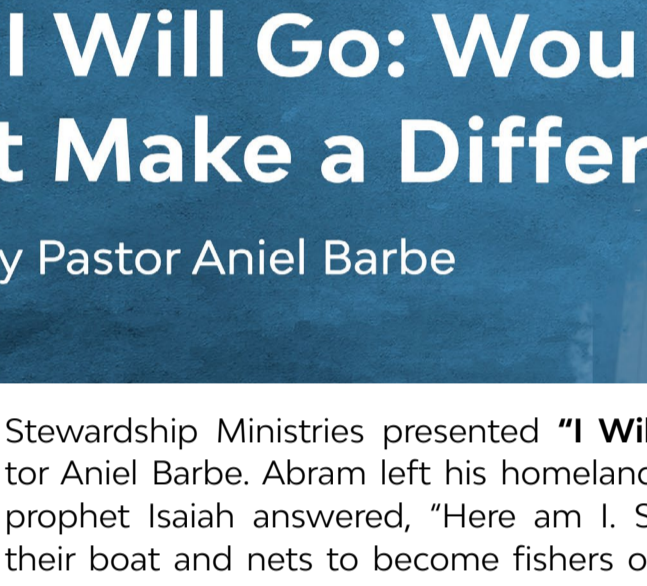
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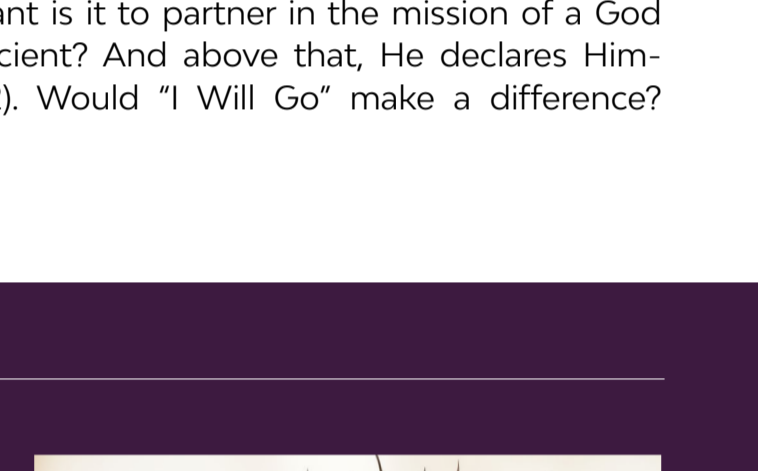
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by Pastor Aniel Barbe



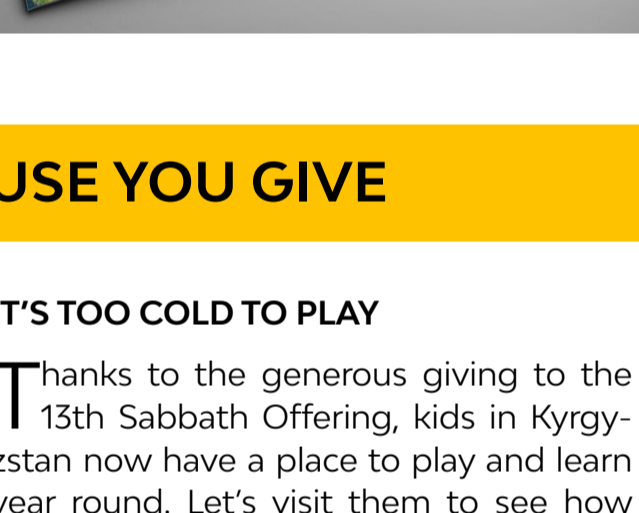
Stewardship Ministries presented "I Will Go: Would It Make a Difference?" by Pastor Aniel Barbe. Abram left his homeland and traveled to an unknown destination. The prophet Isaiah answered, "Here am I. Send me!" Peter, John, and James left behind their boat and nets to become fishers of men. Many have, in their own time and own ways, partnered with God. You, too, have responded to or are considering answering God's appeal. An important question remains: Does it make a difference for us humans to partner in God's mission? How relevant is it to partner in the mission of a God who is omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient? And above that, He declares Himself as the Owner of everything (Ps. 24:1, 2). Would "I Will Go" make a difference?

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**Summary:** Sacrifice for God meant the innocent One dying so that the guilty one could live. For us, sacrifice must mean surrender, death in Him, and rebirth to a life of praise and worship. For God it meant loss and pain to restore His creation. For us it means resolution of our pain—death to sin, and birth to His life and power.

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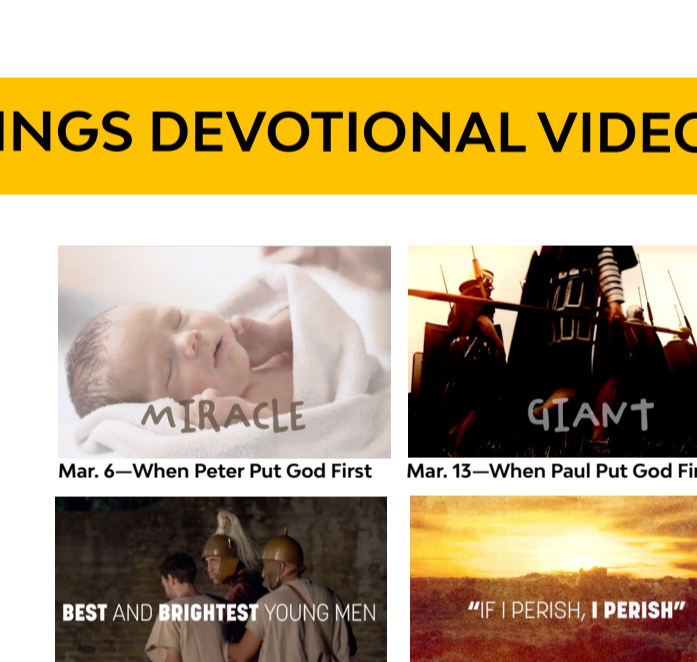


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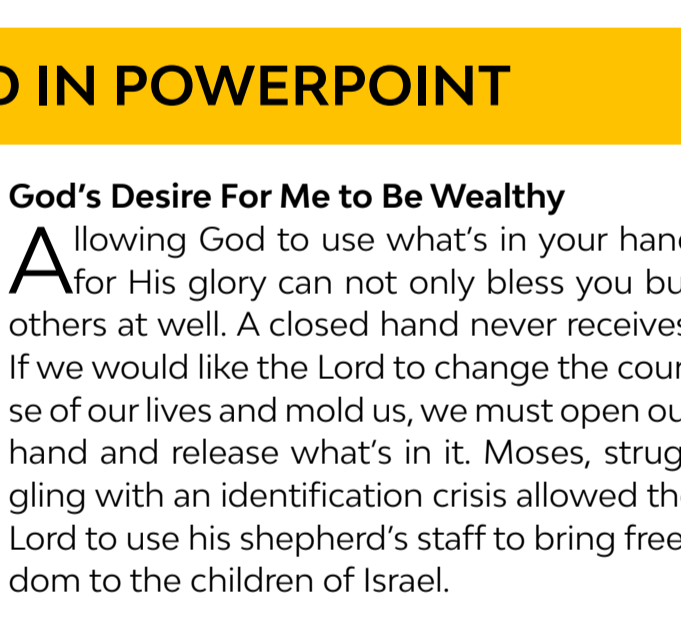
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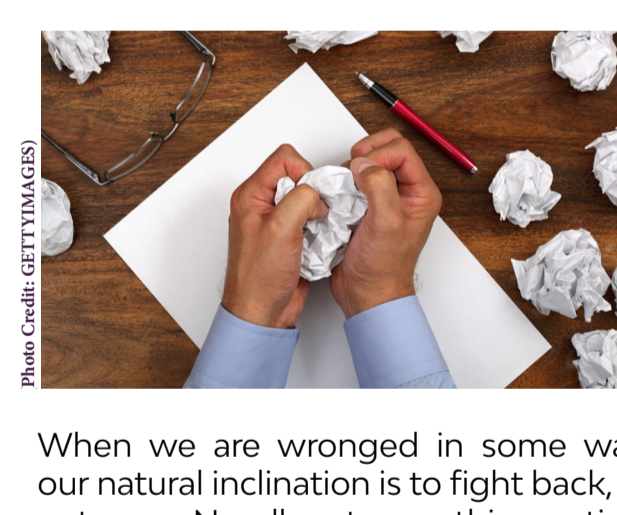
Mar. 6—When Peter Put God First

Mar. 13—When Paul Put God First

Mar. 20—When John Put God First

Mar. 27—When Noah Put God First

## DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



The devotional was written by Delbert Pearman and was previously published in the *Dynamic Steward* magazine, vol. 19, no. 4 (October - December 2015), p. 15, <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2015-10-4-gods-desire-for-me-to-be-wealthy>.

### God's Desire For Me to Be Wealthy

Allowing God to use what's in your hand for His glory can not only bless you but others as well. A closed hand never receives. If we would like the Lord to change the course of our lives and mold us, we must open our hand and release what's in it. Moses, struggling with an identification crisis allowed the Lord to use his shepherd's staff to bring freedom to the children of Israel.

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### NATURAL INCLINATION



When we are wronged in some way, our natural inclination is to fight back, to get even. Needless to say, this reaction, though thoroughly human, is almost always in error. "Forgiveness," said Epictetus, "is better than revenge, for forgiveness is the sign of a gentle nature, but revenge is the sign of a savage nature."

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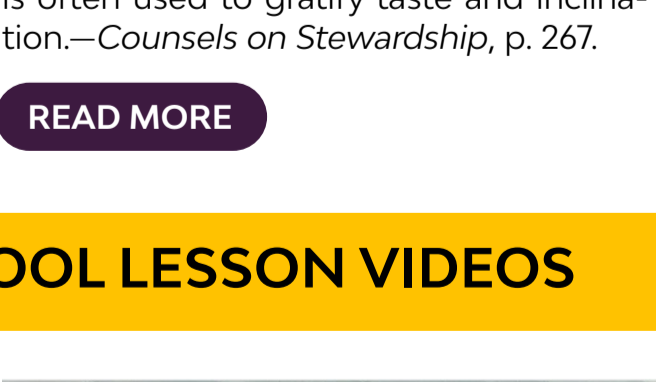
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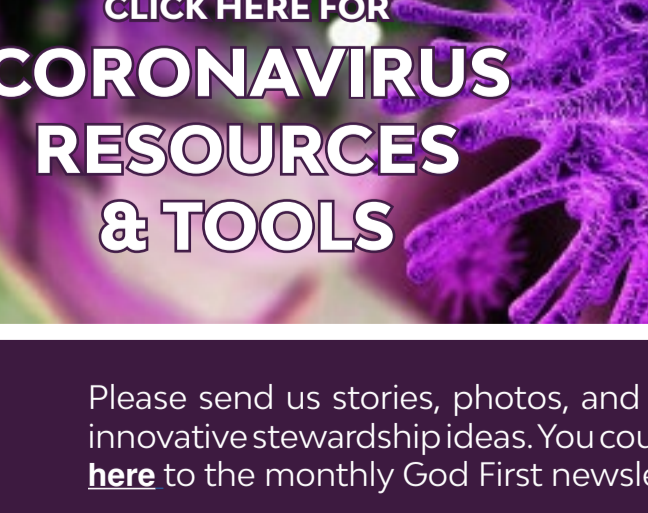
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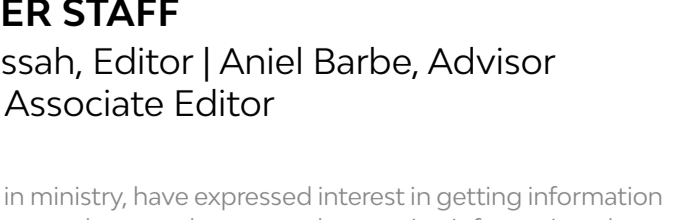
Expenditures should not be made unless they are warranted by the means in hand. There are those connected with our institutions who incur debts that might be avoided. Perhaps unnecessary expense is entailed to beautify the building. Money is often used to gratify taste and inclination.—*Counsels on Stewardship*, p. 267.

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Courtesy of the South Pacific Division  
Isaiah: Comfort My People. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18, KJV). Watch video insights of the lesson: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7560082> or download the lesson from the Adult Bible Study website: <https://absg.adventist.org/next-quarter>.

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FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS  
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2. Read the key passage twice, then one retell the passage in their own words.  
3. Discuss the following questions:  
What is new?  
What surprises you?  
What don't you understand?  
What will you do? / apply?  
What will you share with another this week?

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