

TEACHING WISELY – CHILDREN STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION OCTOBER 5, 2024

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The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

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Ellen G. White emphasizes, "The Lord has decreed that the family shall be the greatest of all educational agencies. It is in the home that the child's education is to begin. . . . With his parents as instructors, he is to learn the lessons to guide him throughout life" (The Adventist Home, p. 182). So, how do we teach children Stewardship values?

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Stewardship is the management of what belongs to another. And the Bible indicates that God, the Creator and Owner of all things, has appointed each person to manage His blessings from birth.

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TEACH THEM TO MANAGE THEIR BODIES:
The first step in Stewardship learning should be for children to manage their bodies according to the prescription of the Owner—God. Through the body, someone becomes a blessing or a curse to humanity.

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Paul says "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad" 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV). "Therefore," he adds, "whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

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sc. **06** Parents add meaning and usefulness to their children's lives whenever they teach and practice sound health principles.

sc. **07** **TEACH THEM TO MANAGE THEIR SURROUNDINGS:** Children must also learn how to manage or relate to their surroundings, including people, the natural environment, and other material resources. By respecting and protecting nature, they will more easily respect and love its Creator. Teach them for example to be kind with animals, save water, manage waste, or choose eco-friendly energy sources.

sc. **08** **TEACH THEM TO MANAGE FINANCIAL RESOURCES:** Learning to manage God's financial resources by following His prescription also fosters allegiance to Him.

sc. **09** For children ages 3 to 5, teach them very simple concepts, like identifying coins and bills, and explaining saving in simple terms.

sc. **10** Ages 6 to 11: Giving them a monthly allowance can help you teach a simple budget. Teach them to calculate tithes and decide their offering percentage.

sc. **11** Ages 12 and 15: Increase your child's allowance and assign responsibilities to prepare them for independence. Help them create a more detailed budget and provide guidance while allowing some purchasing freedom.

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From the age of 16 and above: Provide full financial training. Show them your budget and how you manage regular and systematic giving, savings, and spending.

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Remember that what you do speaks louder than what you teach. While educating our children on Stewardship, may we put our desires last and God first.