

Matthew 6:33



ONLINE GOD FIRST CONGRESS

May 8, 2024

We're excited to share that the Online "God First" Congress was successfully held on May 8, 2024. This event brought together Stewardship Directors and Treasurers from local fields, Unions, and Divisions worldwide for a time of learning and inspiration. During the congress, participants gained valuable insights into the mission offerings, the power of invitation, and the importance of making commitments.



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STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL WEEK—2024



Nov. 30th - Dec. 7th—My Lifestyle

The Annual Stewardship Revival Week offers a unique opportunity for local churches to invite member to reflect on some crucial aspects of their lives as God's stewards. Each day's program includes a reflection and an appeal to commit to faithfully managing what God has entrusted to us. The week culminates with the Stewardship Sabbath, during which time a commitment ceremony . . .

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NEW STUDY—CONGREGATIONAL GIVING

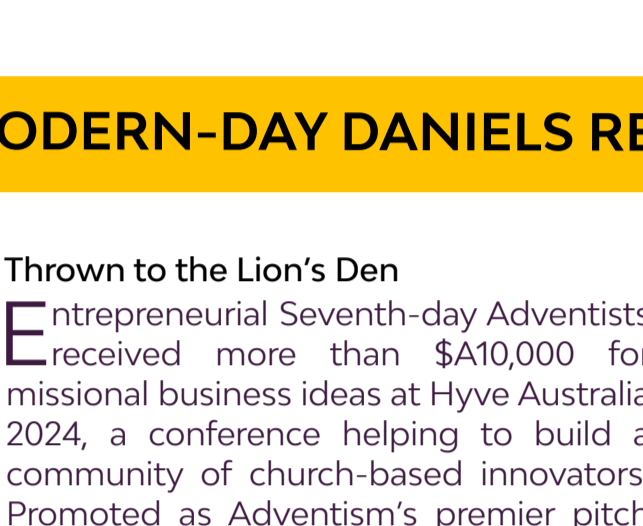
A recent study (Barbe, 2024) on congregational giving has highlighted the pertinent role of pastoral leadership in local churches in influencing members' giving. Some key findings about how to increase participation in giving include:

1. Pastors who view influencing members' giving as part of their responsibility are more likely to achieve better results.
2. The personal convictions of pastoral leaders regarding congregational . . .



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EUD TREASURY ADVISORY—COLLONGES, FRANCE



The InterEuropean Division (EUD) held its annual Treasury Advisory in Collonges-sous-Salève, France from January 29 to February 1, 2024. The advisory brought together treasury professionals from across the EUD to discuss key trends, challenges, and opportunities in the field. It included several seminars and devotionals, including one on Psalm 50 and another on the Combined Offering Plan.

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MODERN-DAY DANIELS RECEIVE \$A10,000 FOR MISSION

Thrown to the Lion's Den
Entrepreneurial Seventh-day Adventists received more than \$A10,000 for missional business ideas at Hyve Australia 2024, a conference helping to build a community of church-based innovators. Promoted as Adventism's premier pitch competition, The Lions' Den invited modern-day Daniels to throw their ideas at a panel of judges who awarded cash . . .



Winners and judges at The Lions' Den pitch competition, part of Hyve Australia 2024. (Credit: Maddy Voinea). The article was written by the Adventist Record staff and was published on April 10, 2024.

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DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—1ST QTR 2024

Self-Reliance in Him
Research suggests that increased income does not always translate to a higher percentage of congregational giving. Thus, there is a need for increased financial education among believers. Local churches are encouraged to serve as educational hubs to teach about managing resources and systematic giving. It will significantly impact God's mission. Read the latest issue of the *Dynamic Steward* magazine on issuu.com or below in PDF.

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Dynamic Steward magazine, Vol. 27, No. 1, January - March 2024, Self-Reliance in Him. Read in PDF on our website: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2024-27-1feb.pdf> or on issuu <https://issuu.com/dynamicstewards/docs/ds1stqtr24>.

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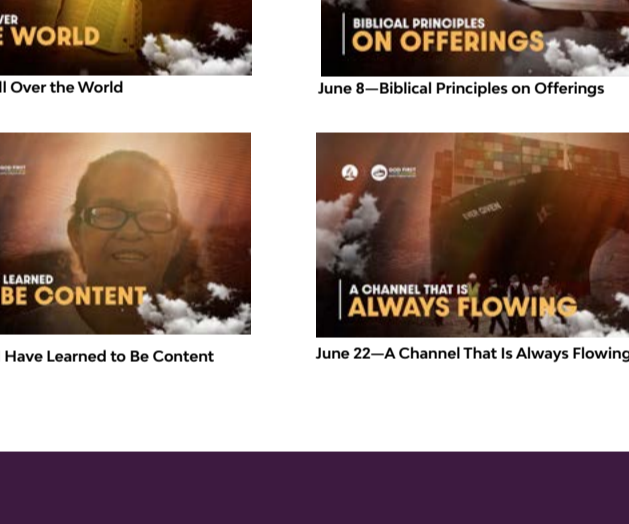


With Alberto R. Timm
SACRIFICING FOR GOD'S CAUSE
PODCAST: Self-sacrifice has been a key part of mission work starting with God Himself, and it has continued throughout history ever since. What can we learn from those who have gone before us?

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DON'T SPEND IT ALL—THE STEWPOT

by Rudy Salazar
Many in North America live from paycheck to paycheck; they have no savings whatsoever. Essentially, they spend everything they earn, so at the end of the month, they have no savings. Statistics show that one out of every four adults don't have emergency savings. The younger you are, the less likely you have savings. One in three Gen-Zers (age 18-26) don't have an emergency fund.



The Stewpot is a publication of the NAD Stewardship.

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2024 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS/VIDEOS

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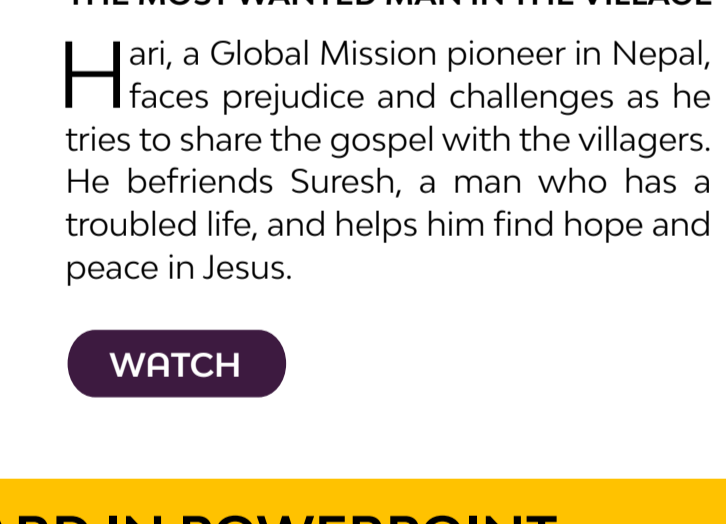


Principles of True Worship
Author Josanan Alves uncovers 52 Principles of True Worship in the 2024 Tithe and Offerings Devotional Readings. These readings are to be presented in the local church every Sabbath before the local offering collection. Contact us below if your church entity wants to translate the manuscript or videos for distribution in your territory. The videos are now available [here](#) and others will be gradually added as they are produced.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS
The offertory devotional videos, available on our [website](#) (+PDF and Script), [YouTube](#) and [Vimeo](#). Watch videos of previous years: [2023](#), [2022](#), [2021](#) and [2020](#). These 2024 videos are in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#).

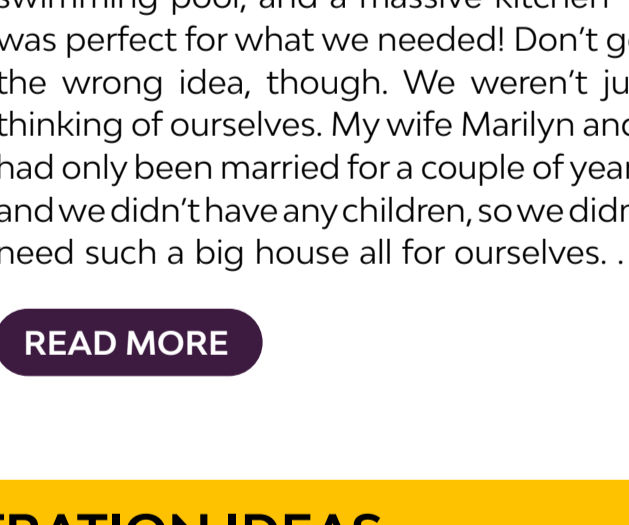
June 2024 Offertory Devotional Videos



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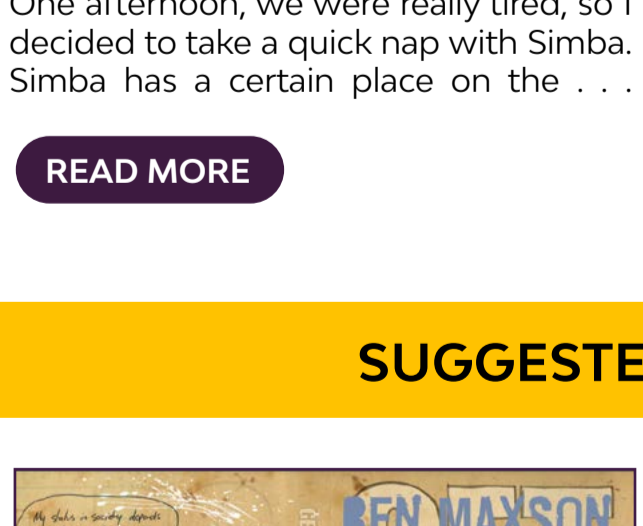
DEBT'S GRIP ON LIFE
Summary: Giving is not only a cure for a covetous heart; it's also a cure for bad debt. A disposition of giving will keep you from debts. You will not think in terms of taking; you'll think in terms of giving. The wicked, because of the disposition of his heart, borrows. He does not work to get it himself. He does not plan. He does not prepare. And because it is the pattern of his life to live dependent on others and be irresponsible, he does not have the . . .



The article was written by Dean Allen r presented at the 1990 New England Baptist Family Conference, and previously published in the Dynamic Steward Journal, Vol. 4 No. 3 Jul - Sept. 2000, Money Management, pp. 8-9. Read the entire magazine here: <https://issuu.com/dynamicstewards/docs/ds03j00>.

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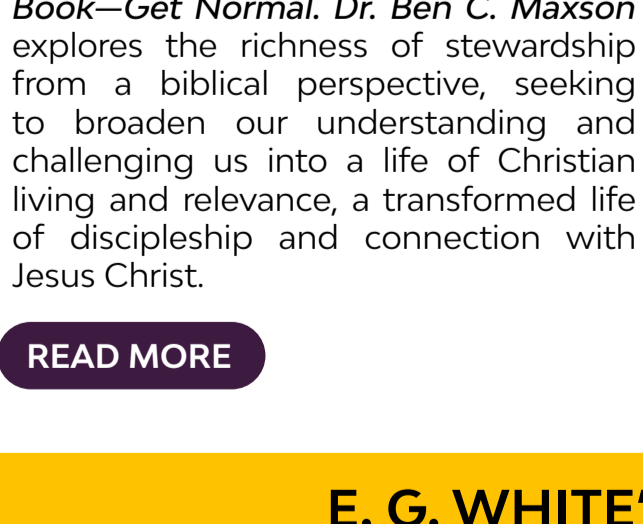
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES ITINERARY



SOUTHERN ANGOLA UNION STEWARDSHIP CONGRESS, IN HUAMBO, ANGOLA, APR. 17-21, 2024

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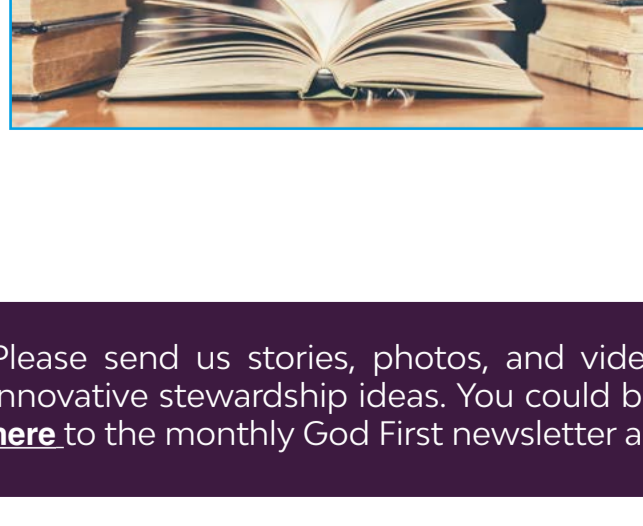
WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



THE MOST WANTED MAN IN THE VILLAGE
Hari, a Global Mission pioneer in Nepal, faces prejudice and challenges as he tries to share the gospel with the villagers. He befriends Suresh, a man who has a troubled life, and helps him find hope and peace in Jesus.

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DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT

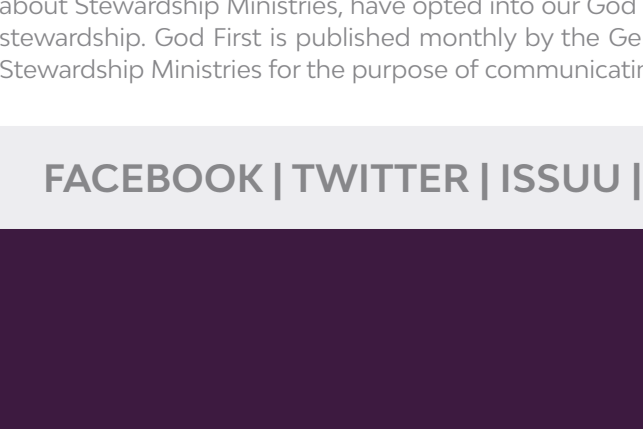


It was a stunning house, based on the real estate profile on the internet. The house had five bedrooms, a large game room, a swimming pool, and a massive kitchen—it was perfect for what we needed! Don't get the wrong idea, though. We weren't just thinking of ourselves. My wife Marilyn and I had only been married for a couple of years, and we didn't have any children, so we didn't need such a big house all for ourselves. . . .

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SERMON ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

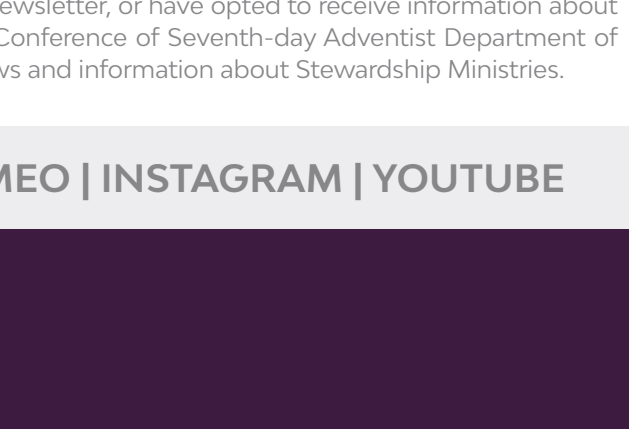
HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE



Illustrates Putting God First.
I have a dog named Simba. I named him Simba because he is the color of a lion and he has the personality of a lion. One afternoon, we were really tired, so I decided to take a quick nap with Simba. Simba has a certain place on the . . .

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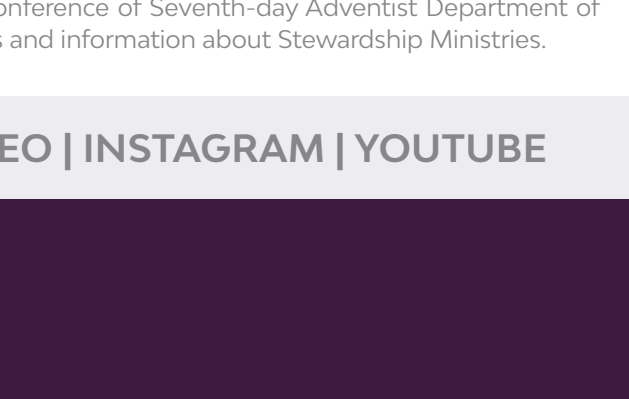
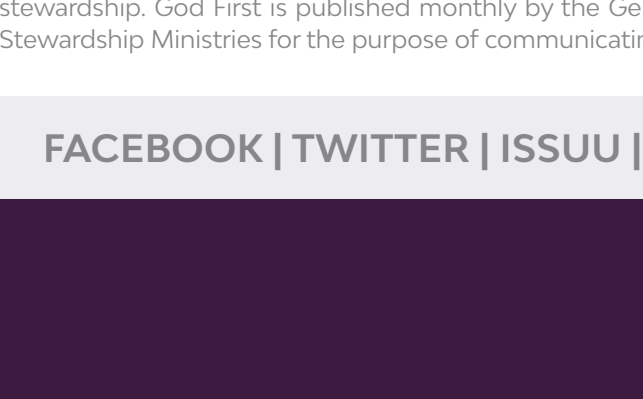
PUT GOD FIRST AND GIVE HIM WHAT IS



Illustrates Commitment.
Put God first and give Him what is His! "Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping . . .

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SUGGESTED RESOURCES



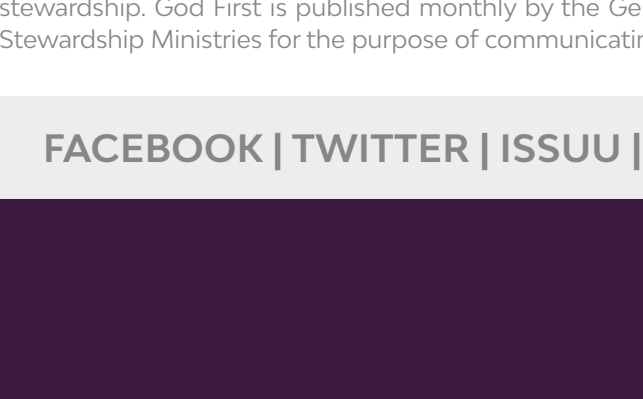
Book—Get Normal. Dr. Ben C. Maxson explores the richness of stewardship from a biblical perspective, seeking to broaden our understanding and challenging us into a life of Christian living and relevance, a transformed life of discipleship and connection with Jesus Christ.

Videos—Believe His Prophets Video *Insight.* Complimentary Stewardship Ministries videos for the Believe His Prophets Daily Bible Reading plan of the Seventh-day Adventist Church from Genesis 1 to Proverbs 31. Why not begin every day by reading your Bible and putting God first?

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E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



My brother, you have a work before you, to strive to overcome covetousness and love of worldly riches, and especially self-confidence because you have had apparent success in securing the things of this world. Poor rich men, professing to serve God, are objects of pity. While they profess to know God, in works they deny Him. . . . They profess faith in the truth, but their works do not correspond with their profession.—True Wealth, p. 125.

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