

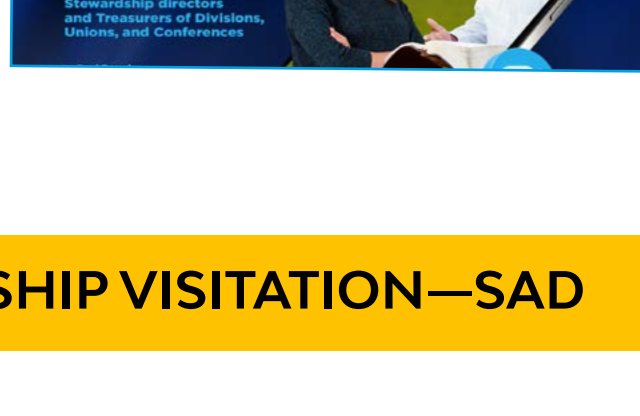
# Matthew 6:33



## ONLINE GOD FIRST CONGRESS

May 8, 2024

The upcoming Online "God First" Congress, scheduled for May 8, 2024, is tailored for Stewardship Directors and Treasurers of local fields, Unions, and Divisions. The focal points of this event are Mission Offerings and Commitment Invitations. Be sure to disseminate this information among your counterparts and ensure their registration, as only registered participants will have access . . .



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## STEWARDSHIP LEADERSHIP VISITATION—SAD



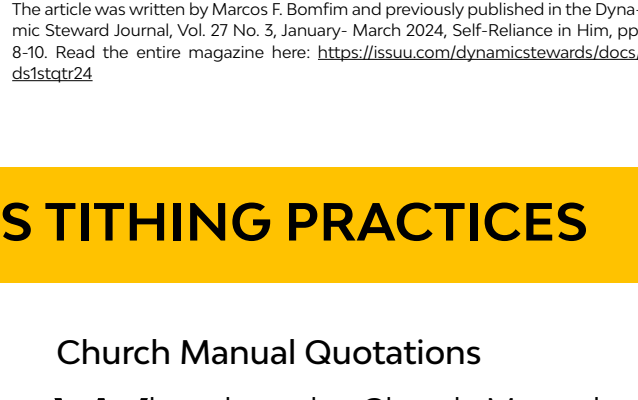
### South American Division

On March 31, 2024, Josanan Alves de Barros Junior, Stewardship Ministries Director of the South American Division (SAD) hosted a Stewardship Leadership Visitation (SLV) in his home. He was visited by Marcos Faiock Bomfim, General Conference Stewardship Ministries Director.

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## FINANCIAL SPIRITUAL GIVING & PRIVACY CONCERNS

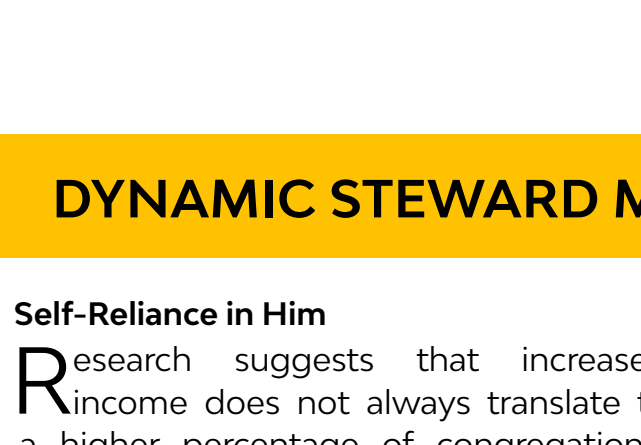
In a time in which privacy concerns have become increasingly important, should pastors receive privileged information from treasurers about their members' Financial Spiritual Giving patterns? Should pastors check potential leaders' giving patterns before their names are brought under consideration by the nominating committee as recommended by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Manual?



The article was written by Marcos F. Bomfim and previously published in the Dynamic Steward Journal, Vol. 27 No. 3, January–March 2024, Self-Reliance in Him, pp. 8-10. Read the entire magazine here: <https://issuu.com/dynamicstewards/docs/ds1stqr24>

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## ACCESS TO INDIVIDUAL'S TITHING PRACTICES



### Church Manual Quotations

What does the Church Manual say about access to individual tithing practices? Should anyone be entitled to see other member's giving patterns? Aniel Barbe, General Conference Stewardship Ministries Associate Stewardship Director collected the following information from the (Adventist) Church Manual.

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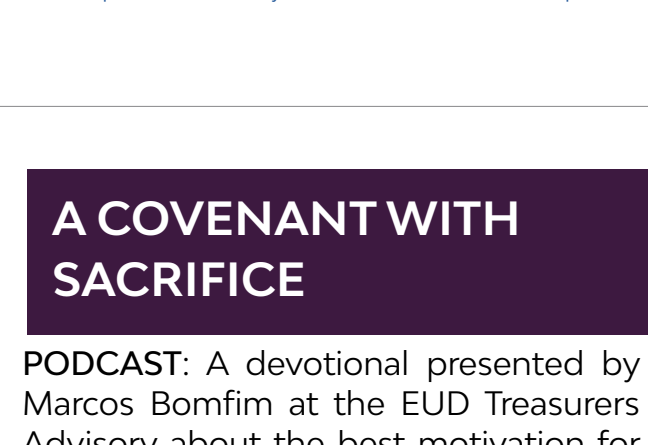
## DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—1ST QTR 2024

### 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](https://issuu.com) or below in PDF.

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### A COVENANT WITH SACRIFICE

PODCAST: A devotional presented by Marcos Bomfim at the EUD Treasurers Advisory about the best motivation for giving offerings. Should 'support the mission of the church' be the primary motivation for giving offerings?

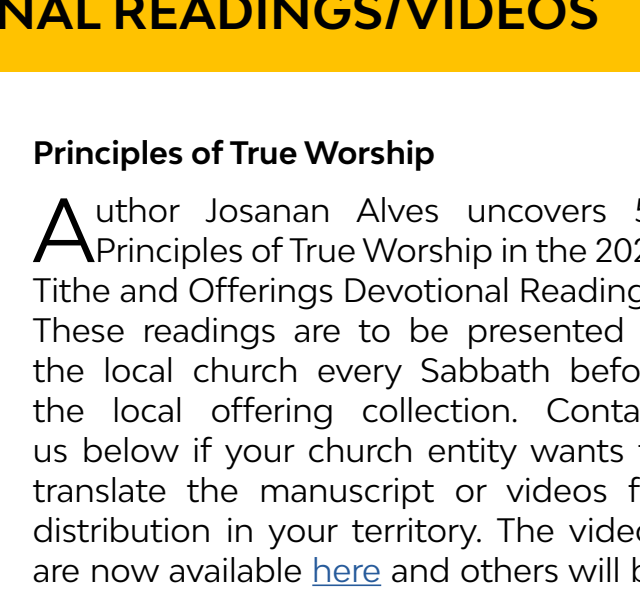
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## THE IMPACT OF "MISSION REFOCUS"

by Elder Erton Kohler

Some years ago, after a seminar, I received a piece of paper from a colleague with an Ellen White quotation that changed my commitment to our Church's mission. In the quotation she says, "Every day the probation of some is closing. Every hour some are passing beyond the reach of mercy. And where are the voices of warning and entreaty to bid the sinner flee from this fearful doom?"

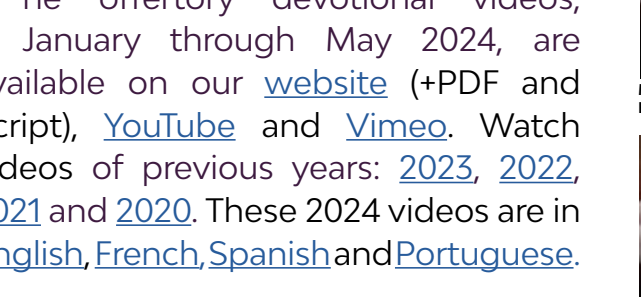
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This article was shared in the "ISE Navigator" (the IPRS Newsletter) on March 28, 2024.

## 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 Tithes 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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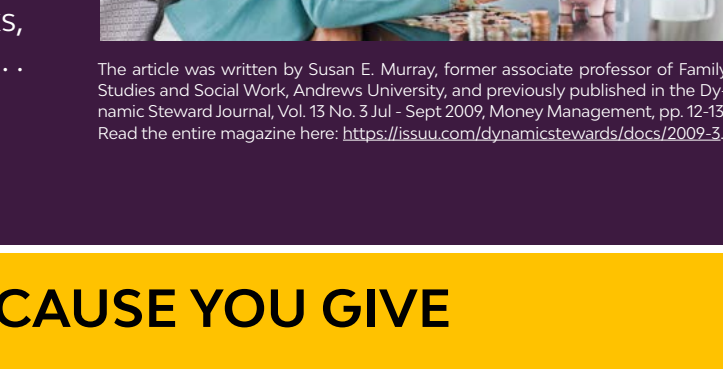
### WEEKLY OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

The offertory devotional videos, January through May 2024, are 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](#).

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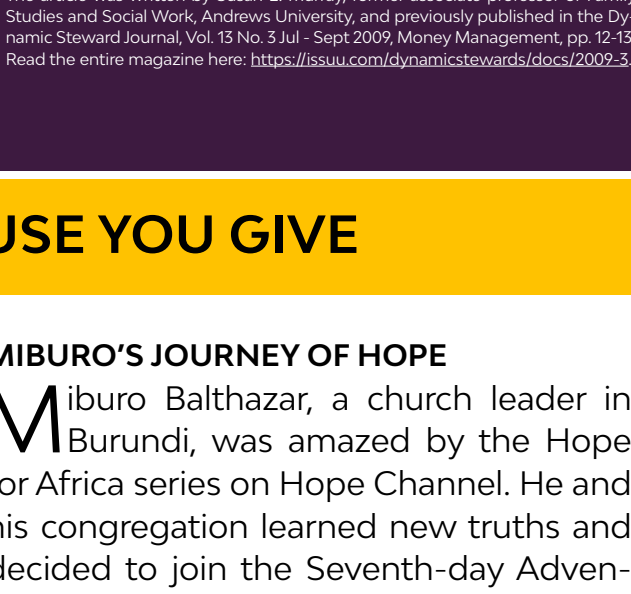
### May 2024 Offertory Devotional Videos



May 4—That My Children Have Something to Eat  
May 11—Taking Care of Finances  
May 18—Towards Heaven  
May 25—The God of Small Beginnings

## FINANCES: A FAMILY AFFAIR

Five children in the family. A mom and dad who knew education, at its best, addressed real issues. There were no secrets about money. No ATM mentality. These kids came to the academy having learned how to manage the family's money. They knew how much money there was, as well as the values of their parents in paying tithes and offerings. These kids knew how to justify checks, balance the checkbook, and justify the . . .



The article was written by Susan E. Murray, former associate professor of Family Studies and Social Work, Andrews University, and previously published in the Dynamic Steward Journal, Vol. 13 No. 3 Jul - Sept 2009, Money Management, pp. 12-15. Read the entire magazine here: <https://issuu.com/dynamicstewards/docs/ds20093>

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## WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



### MIBURO'S JOURNEY OF HOPE

Miburo Balthazar, a church leader in Burundi, was amazed by the Hope for Africa series on Hope Channel. He and his congregation learned new truths and decided to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Hope Channel is changing lives in Africa and beyond with the gospel message.

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## 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MISSION (1874-2024)



Mission150 tells the exciting story of the 150 years of Adventist Mission to the world. It all began with the Church's first dispatch of John N. Andrews as a missionary to Europe.

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## DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



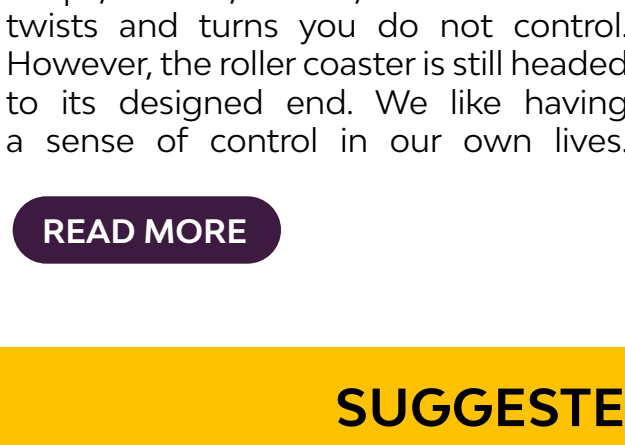
The article was written by John and Delivon Francis of the North England Conference, and was previously published in Dynamic Steward, vol. 26, no. 2, April - June 2023, pp. 22-25. <https://issuu.com/dynamicstewards/docs/2023-26-2>. Read the article here: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/scriptural-foundation-to-major-gift-fundraising>

Warn the rich people of this world not to be proud or to trust in wealth that is easily lost. Tell them to have faith in God, who is rich and blesses us with everything we need to enjoy life. Instruct them to do as many good deeds as they can and to help everyone. Remind the rich to be generous and share what they have. This will lay a solid foundation for the future, so that they will know what . . .

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## SERMON ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

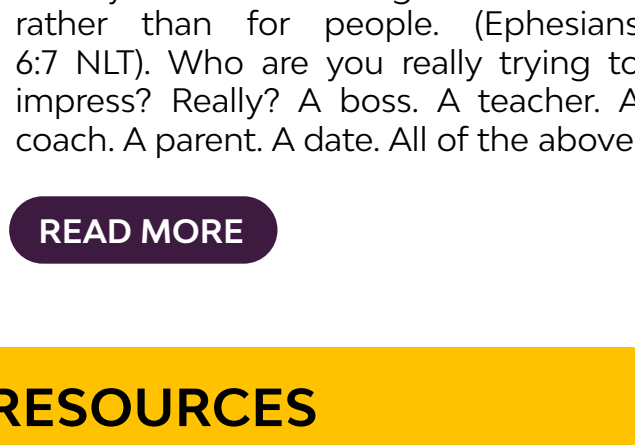
### LACK OF CONTROL



Illustrates Trust. Life can be a roller coaster. There are loops, dips, curves, and all sorts of twists and turns you do not control. However, the roller coaster is still headed to its designed end. We like having a sense of control in our own lives.

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### AUDIENCE OF ONE



Illustrates Worship. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. (Ephesians 6:7 NLT). Who are you really trying to impress? Really? A boss. A teacher. A coach. A parent. A date. All of the above.

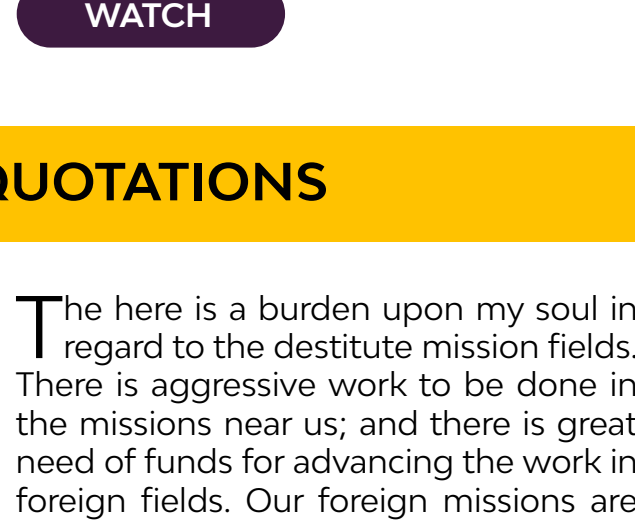
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## SUGGESTED RESOURCES



Book—*Stewardship Roots* by Angel M. Rodriguez. Understanding who God is, helps us understand who we are, and it provides the basis for a trust relationship with Him! Contemplate deep spiritual themes by asking the right questions and finding the right answers.

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Webinar—*Systematic Giving in the Bible*. Dr. Terry Tsui shares what the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy teach about giving one-tenth, one-fifth, one-fourth, one-third, one-half, and all of our income. He shares how to encourage church members to return their tithes faithfully..

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## E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



There is a burden upon my soul in regard to the destitute mission fields. There is aggressive work to be done in the missions near us; and there is great need of funds for advancing the work in foreign fields. Our foreign missions are languishing. The missionaries are not sustained as God requires. For want of funds, workers are not able to enter new fields. —*True Wealth*, p. 91.

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