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Dynamic Steward magazine, Vol. 27, No. 4, October-December 2024, Building Up Your Big Projects: Giving Above and Beyond. Read individual articles on our website: <u>https://stewardship.</u> adventist.org/2024-27-4.pdf or as a flipbook on issuu https:// issuu.com/dynamicstewards/docs/dynamic_steward_quarterly_ magazine_vol._27_no._4.

Building Up Your Big Projects

s you carry out the ministry God has given you, have you ever felt inspired to undertake a large-scale project that requires substantial resources? You have a strong conviction that it is God-inspired, and a sense that failing to pursue it would cripple His work. As a result, you keenly seek for available resources, only to quickly realize the unavailability of additional resources or the restrictions on existing ones. Read the PDF below.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE GC SESSION

re you or someone you know passionate about stewardship and willing to serve during the GC Session (July 3-12, 2025)? The Stewardship Department is looking for dedicated volunteers to assist at our booth!

Requirements:

- Must cover your own travel, lodging, and transportation expenses.
- Not be a delegate.

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CHURCHLEADERS REPORT ON CHARITY GIVING

haritable giving is down among evangelicals, according to a new report from Grey Matter Research and Infinity Concepts. According to the report, evangelicals' financial generosity is down in every metric measured in a similar survey conducted three years ago.

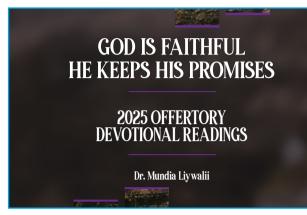
In 2021, Grey Matter Research and Infinity Concepts found that the average evangelical gave away only 3.2% of their household income to either church or charity, and 19% had not made any chari-...





2025 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS/VIDEOS

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Written by Dr. Mundia Liywalii

Offertory Devotional **h**e 2025 Readings is a powerful blend of timeless Bible truths and relatable personal experiences, all designed to inspire and educate church members on the importance of putting God first in their lives. They guide readers to worship God through generous giving, gratitude for His blessings, and commitment to systematic benevolence.

February 2025 Offertory Devotional Videos



WEEKLY OFFERTORY **DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS**

he offertory devotional videos for January and April 2025 are available on our website, YouTube and Vimeo. Watch videos of previous years: 2024, <u>2023, 2022, 2021</u> and <u>2020</u> in <u>English</u>, French, Spanish, and Portuguese.













PODCAST: A COVENANT WITH SACRIFICE

What should be the best motivation for giving offerings? Support the mission of the church? This devotional, based on Psalm 50, was presented at the Inter European Division (EUD) Treasury Advisory.



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SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

Dr. Kathleen H. Liwidjaja-Kuntaraf

ne day a man walked into a dentist's office and asked, "How much will it cost to extract a wisdom tooth?" "\$130," the dentist replied. "That's a ridiculous amount," the man exclaimed." Isn't there a cheaper way?"

"Well," said the dentist, "if I don't use an anesthetic, I can knock it down to \$100, but it would be very painful." "That's still too expensive," the man said.

"Hmm," said the dentist, scratching his head. "If I let one of my students do it . . .





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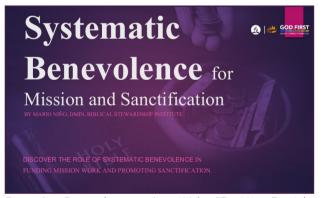
Courtesy of the Adventist Mission.

BETTER THAN COCAINE

enis Mansilla, once worked in coca ${\cal J}$ fields and had little interest in religion. However, after meeting his future wife and studying the Bible with her Adventist family, his life started to change.



DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



Dynamic Steward magazine, Vol. 27, No. 3, July-September 2024, The Art of Systematic Giving, pp. 10-11. Read the article on our website: https://stewardship. adventist.org/systematic-benevolence-for-mission-andsanctification or the magazine on issuu https://issuu. com/dynamicstewards/docs/ds_3rd_qtr_interactive.

he financial system of the Adventist Church has evolved as the church expanded from a North American organization into a worldwide community. From the beginning, mission and its funding have been central to this development. What started with the self-financing effort of the founding preachers developed into a comprehensive system based on biblical principles. Alongside supporting the mission, the church . . .

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SERMON ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

ROBBING GOD



Illustrates Commitment re you robbing God? "What kind of ridiculous question is that?" you reply. It's a legitimate question, that's what kind.

THE WISE WOMAN'S PRECIOUS STONE



Illustrates Sacrifice

wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream.

For many years, I've designated my time on the train ride into Chicago for Bible reading and prayer. Nothing else is . . .

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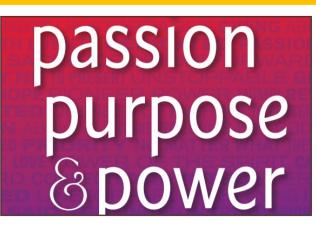
The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone ...

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SUGGESTED RESOURCES



Counsels on Stewardship Study Guides (Facilitator's Manual and Participant's Manual)-Deepen your understanding of biblical stewardship by immersing yourself in the questions based on Counsels on Stewardship by Ellen G. White. Use this resource for small group studies or stewardship training in your local church.

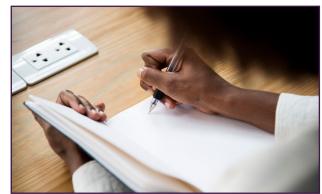


Book–Passion, Purpose and Power. James Nix, former Director of the E.G. White Estate invites you to sit at the feet of our forefathers and read about their stories. Meet people who gave themselves, so totally and completely, to God's divine plans. Revive in you the commitment and sacrifice evident in our Adventist pioneers.

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E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS



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he one all-important matter is to serve the Lord with full purpose of heart, and seek to become the Lord's, heart and mind. All who come to the Saviour for counsel will receive the very help they need, if they will come in humility, and with assurance cling to that promise, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).—This Day With God, p. 128



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