

# \$TEWARD\$HIP RE\$OURCES\$

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## **BOOKS:** (unless noted all are available at Cokesbury)

*NEW! One-Minute Stewardship: Creative Ways to Talk About Money in Church*, Charles Cloughen, Jr., Church Publishing, 2018

*The Ministry of Giving: Fund Your Vision by Developing Financial Leaders*, Mikell, McMillan, and Stewart. RSI, 2013

*Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money*, C. Smith and M. Emerson, Oxford University Press, 2008. A sociological study.

By J. Clif Christopher, *Horizon Stewardship Ministries*, [www.horizonsstewardship.com](http://www.horizonsstewardship.com)  
>*Not Your Parent's Offering Plate: A New Vision for Financial Stewardship, 2008 / 2015*  
>*Whose Offering Plate Is It? New Strategies for Financial Stewardship, 2010*  
>*Rich Church, Poor Church: Keys to Effective Financial Ministry, 2012*

*My Pastor, My Money, and Why We're Not Talking: Bridging the Gap Between Pastors and Those With Wealth*, Robert Moon, 2012, Intermundia Pres

*Generosity Rising: Lead a Stewardship Revolution in Your Church*, Scott McKenzie, 2016

*Giving Guide: Using Digital Tools to Grow Ministry*, Richard Rodgers, 2016

*Propel: Good Stewardship, Greater Generosity*, by Clayton L. Smith (Church of the Resurrection) 2015. Excellent for a stewardship committee.

*The Gratitude Path: Leading Your Church to Generosity*, Kent Millard, Abingdon, 2015

*Contagious Generosity: Creating a Culture of Giving in Your Church*, Willard and Sheppard, Zondervan, 2012

*Bounty: Ten Things You Can Do Now to Increase Giving at Your Church*, by Kristine Miller and Scott McKenzie, Abingdon 2013.

*A Spirituality of Fundraising*, Henri Nouwen, Upper Room Books, 2010

*Born on Third Base*. Chuck Collins, C. Green Publishing, 2016. An excellent social justice treatment of wealth and the poor.

*Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry*, Charles Lane, Augsburg Press, 2006

*Making the Annual Pledge Drive Obsolete: How Churches Can Get Out of this Business Once and For All*, T. Dombek and M. Durall. Commonwealth Consulting Group. 2014

*Holy Smoke! Whatever Happened to Tithing*, J. Clif Christopher and Herb Mather, 1999, and, *Don't Shoot the Horse 'Til You Know How to Drive the Tractor: Moving from Annual Fund Raising to a Life of Giving*, by Herb Mather, 2006.

*Money Matters: Financial Freedom for All God's Churches*, Mike Slaughter, Cokesbury. Also, *Upside Living in a Downsized Economy*.

*NEW! The Christian Wallet: Spending, Giving, and Living with a Conscience*, Mike Slaughter, 2016

*Creative Giving: Understanding Panned Giving and Endowments in Church*, M Reeves, R Fairly, S Coon, 2005

*Guidelines for Finance, Stewardship and Trustees:* UM Discipleship Ministries (formerly GBOD)

## **CD'S, DVD'S, SOFTWARE**

*Funding Your Congregation's Vision*, by Lewis Center for Church Leadership, Dr. Lovett Weems, Wesley Seminary, offers DVD of the annual stewardship teaching sessions. *Practices that Lead to Greater Giving; Building a Hopeful Financial Future; Funding Your Ministry in Changing Times*. All these feature Dr. Weems and others.

And be sure to check out, *Congregational Giving Profile*, software for tracking worship attendance (Excel). Can be used for tracking offerings also.

## **CAMPAIGN RESOURCES:**

*Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More*, by Tom Berlin.

*Earn, Save, Give: Wesley's Simple Rules for Living* by Jim Harnish.

*Treasure: A Four-Week Study on Faith and Money*, Jacob Armstrong

*New Consecration Sunday*, by Herb Miller.  
*Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*, Adam Hamilton, Church of the Resurrection.

*Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving*, by Michael Reeves and Jennifer Tyler.  
*Committed to Christ: Six Steps to a Generous Life*, by Bob Crossman.  
*Transformed Giving: Realizing Your Church's Full Potential Stewardship Potential*, by John Ed Mathison. A 40-day experience focusing on prayer, presence, spiritual gifts and service.

*Giving* from Ecumenical Stewardship Center, offers program resources every year, but can be used in any year. [www.stewardshipresources.org](http://www.stewardshipresources.org)

### **PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING**

*Freed-Up Financial Living*, produced by *Good Sense*, originally a Willow Creek resource. Six, one-hour sessions on wise, biblical money management. [www.GoodSenseMovement.org](http://www.GoodSenseMovement.org)

*Financial Peace University*, by Dave Ramsey, a 9 session group study helping to become debt free and saving/investing, using biblical principles. [www.DaveRamsey.org](http://www.DaveRamsey.org) and *Momentum: Building the Kingdom Debt Free*.

**ONLINE RESOURCES** (all the resources listed above have web sites plus thousands more!)

Stewardship Team at UM Discipleship Ministries, Nashville, Ken Sloane, Director. Numerous articles, seminars, books, and webinars. Subscribe to e/emails and check out offertory prayers for use in worship.  
<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/stewardship>  
>*Generous Living* a monthly free subscription.  
>Frequent webinars on stewardship ideas.

*A 12-Month Plan for Stewardship in the Local Church*, UM Discipleship Ministries

*Sharing God's Gifts*, a website designed to help understand UM apportionments and telling stories of generosity at work. [www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org)

*Connectional Giving*, [umcgiving@esp.umcom.org](mailto:umcgiving@esp.umcom.org)  
Tools and Tips for Generous Living

*Money and Ministry* is one of numerous resources from Clif Christopher, Horizon's Stewardship Services, free, with advice about faith and money. [www.horizonsstewardship.com](http://www.horizonsstewardship.com)  
[www.UMData.org](http://www.UMData.org) has a wealth of data, statistics, etc. about our UM members, attendance, giving.

[www.VANCOpayments.com](http://www.VANCOpayments.com) the UM recommended source for setting up online giving and much more!

[www.GivingUSA.org](http://www.GivingUSA.org) is the best source for looking at all non-profit giving across America. The annual report is always interesting.

[www.StateofthePlate.info](http://www.StateofthePlate.info) makes a strong case for how tithing could explode the church's resources for mission and ministry.

[www.SermonSpice.com](http://www.SermonSpice.com) has a HUGE assortment of videos, including "We Give", great for worship.

### **RESEARCH, TRENDS, DATA**

[www.EmptyTomb.org](http://www.EmptyTomb.org) – "provides both a financial discipleship strategy and information about church giving patterns on a national level". They publish an annual document "State of the Church".

[www.gcfa.org](http://www.gcfa.org) and [www.umdata.org](http://www.umdata.org) is the research arm of the UMC.

### **INVESTMENT SOURCES**

*The Virginia UM Foundation*, and *Development Corporation*. [www.vaumfgifts.org](http://www.vaumfgifts.org)

Also, The UM Foundation, Inc., located in Garner, NC, is the worldwide UM foundation offering strong investment opportunities and helpful direction for legacy planning. [www.umf-nc.org](http://www.umf-nc.org) 800-455-4718  
>Information on all UM Foundations nationwide.

The above list of resources is provided by Rev. David A. Rash, Stewardship Matters of Virginia, LLC, Please consult my website for frequent advice and articles about building faithful and generous stewards.  
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