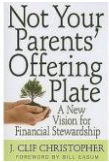


# STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CHURCHES AND STEWARDSHIP TEAMS

## 1. Books on Congregational Stewardship

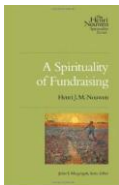
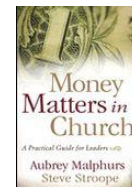
### Recommended Resources:



#### Not Your Parents' Offering Plate by J. Clif Christopher

*Why would a young professional man of faith make a substantial gift to a community youth center--- but not to his own church? Learn about the three pockets of giving and the top 10 things you can do now to increase stewardship.* (available at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))

Money Matters in Church by Aubrey Malphurs and Steve Stroope  
*Create a culture of giving in your congregation with this practical, biblically-based guide to handling church finances.* (available at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))



#### Spirituality of Fundraising by Henri Nouwen

*"As a form of ministry, fund-raising is as spiritual as giving a sermon, entering a time of prayer, visiting the sick, or feeding the hungry."* Henri Nouwen (available at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))

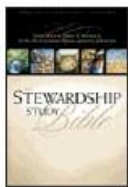
### Other Good Resources:

FirstFruits by Bob Heerspink (available at [www.faithaliveresources.org](http://www.faithaliveresources.org))

Creating Congregations of Generous People by Michael Durall (available at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))

## 2. Books for Personal and Group Study/Devotions

### Recommended Resources



#### NIV Stewardship Bible

*Stewardship is about more than money and the "stuff" of life. This Bible is designed to encourage believers to view their lives in light of God's ownership. More information and video at <http://barnabasfoundation.com/churches/resources/niv-stewardship-study-bible/>*

#### The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

*This book introduces readers to a revolution in material freedom and radical generosity that will change lives around the world.*



### Other Good Resources:

Stewardship: Keeping Faith With God's Gifts by Mary Vanden Berg (available at [www.faithaliveresources.org](http://www.faithaliveresources.org))

Giving: Unlocking the Heart of Good Stewardship by John Ortberg, Laurie Pederson & Judson Poling

(available at [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com))

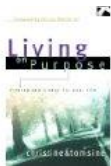
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### 3. Books on Stewardship of Time/Gifts/Calling

#### Recommended Resources



Living on Purpose: Finding God's Best for Your Life by Christine and Tom Sine  
*The authors map out, step-by-step, how you can find and follow God's direction (available at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))*

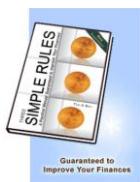
#### Other Good Resources:

The Comfort Trap: Spiritual Dangers of the Convenience Culture by Tim Bascom ([www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))

What Do I Owe? Managing the Gifts God Gives You by Rolf Bouma ([www.faithaliveresources.org](http://www.faithaliveresources.org))

### 4. Books on Personal Financial Health

#### Recommended Resources:

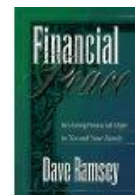


Three Simple Rules by Theo A. Boers

*For many of us there never seems to be enough money to meet all our wants and that leads to trouble when credit is easy. This book spells out three simple rules anyone can use to avoid the negative consequences of easy credit. ([www.threerules.org/order.html](http://www.threerules.org/order.html))*

Financial Peace by David Ramsey

*You'll discover the lessons he learned the hard way and not only understand what to do, but why it is so important to take control of your money –and your life. (available at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))*



#### Other Good Resources:

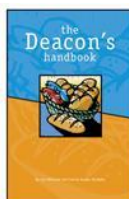
Faith-Based Family Finances by Ron Blue and Jeremy White (available at [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))

Surviving Financial Meltdown by R. Blue/J. White ([www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))

Money, Possessions and Eternity by Randy Alcorn ([www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca))

### 5. Resources for Deacons

#### Recommended Resources:



The Deacons Handbook by Lori Wiersma and Connie Kuiper VanDyke  
Chapter 11: Leading Your Congregation in Stewardship is particularly helpful ([www.faithalivechristianresources.com](http://www.faithalivechristianresources.com))

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Diaconal Ministries Canada has some helpful information on the website at [www.diaconalministries.com/deacons/faq\\_stewardship.html](http://www.diaconalministries.com/deacons/faq_stewardship.html)

## 5. Videos

### Recommended Resources:

#### Impact of a Stewardship Initiative

*a panel discussion with Mike Koetje, Pastor of Second CRC, Grand Haven, Michigan  
Rich Westmaas, Stewardship Co-Chair, Cadillac CRC, Michigan  
Lyle Ahrenholtz, Stewardship Chair, Third CRC, Zeeland, Michigan*

<http://barnabasfoundation.com/conference/session-3/>

### Other Good Resources:

#### The Need for Stewardship Initiative

*Highlighting some of the results of the CRCNA survey* <http://barnabasfoundation.com/conference/session-2/>

Various Other Videos Available at <http://barnabasfoundation.com/churches/video>

## 6. Courses/Curriculum/Other

### Recommended Resources



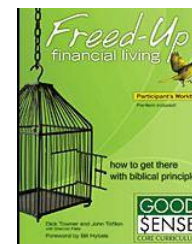
#### Financial Peace University –Dave Ramsey

*FPU is a series of 13 life-changing personal finance lessons. The interactive and entertaining course shows people how to apply proven, common-sense principles that allow them to walk in financial peace.*

<http://www.daveramsey.com/store/financial-peace-university/cFPU-p1.html>

#### Freed Up Financial Living –Good Sense Ministry

*Shorter than the course above, this features three of the most trusted and respected Good Sense Speakers, and is fully adaptable for use in a variety of formats.* <http://www.goodsenseministry.com/freedup/>



### Other Good Resources

Growing in Giving by Christian Stewardship Services (<http://www.csservices.ca/stewardship/intro.html>)

Master Your Money by Ron Blue (<http://www.mastermoney.org/>)

Is That ALL There is? Stewardship Challenges for Young Christians (<http://oacs.org/publications/1153>)

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## 7. Links to Other Resources

### Miscellaneous Resources

- Other books may be found at <http://www.barnabasfoundation.com/churches/resources/>
  - Short stewardship “nuggets” suitable for **church bulletins** may be found at <http://www.csservices.ca/stewardship/resources.html> (also a booklist, Power Points, and more)
  - Diaconal Ministries Canada has various resources available for deacons (and stewardship, preparing an offering schedule etc.) at [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com)
  - **A sermon library** on stewardship and presenting stewardship principles is available at <http://barnabasfoundation.com/churches/resources/sermons-on-giving-and-stewardship/>
  - **The Stewardship Calendar** includes month-by-month recommended resources and ideas for
    - **Preaching**
    - **Small Groups**
    - **Offerings**
    - **Events**
    - **Communication**
- <http://barnabasfoundation.com/churches/resources/stewardship-calendar-4/>

## 8. Consultants

### Recommended Resources

**Christian Stewardship Services Representatives:** *These representatives are available to meet*



- *With individuals to explore and develop an Estate Plan and/or gift plan that meets in individual's needs*
- *With churches to introduce the Church Legacy Endowment Fund Program*

<http://www.csservices.ca/services/churches.html>

**Christian Stewardship Services**, a partner organization with the CRC in Canada, is also available to do workshops and seminars on a variety of topics for your church

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