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*Matthew 6:33*

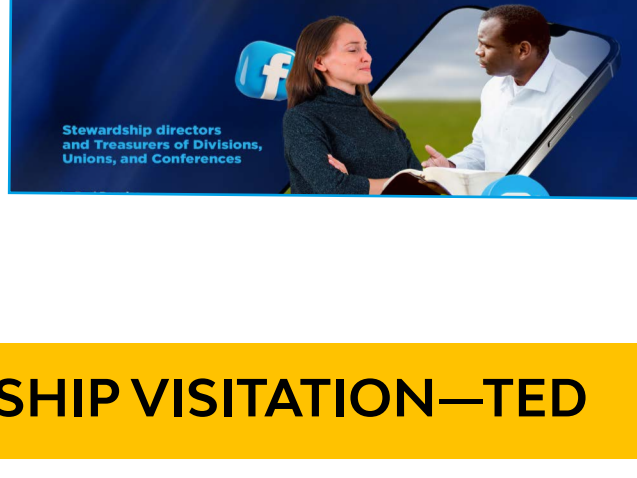


## ONLINE GOD FIRST CONGRESS

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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February 1, 2024

On February 1st, 2024, Heli Otamo-Csizmadia, Trans-European Division (TED) Stewardship Director was the second Division Stewardship Director to host a Stewardship Leadership Visitation (SLV). She was visited by Marcos Faioc Bomfim, GC Stewardship Director at the TED headquarters.

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## DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—3RD QUARTER

### The Family: Life's Coordinating Center

Families offer a unique platform for the learning and practice of human stewardship. We make crucial decisions, experience setbacks, and celebrate some e offer a unique platform for the learning and practice of human stewardship. This issue addresses managing finances in preparation for the wedding, the marriage, and passing on sound financial principles to the next generation. Read on issuu below. Available in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#). [Subscribe](#).

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Dynamic Steward magazine, Vol. 26, No. 3, July - September 2023, The Family: Life's Coordinating Center. Read in PDF on our website: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2023-26-3.pdf>

## THE ESSENTIALS OF THE COMBINED OFFERING PLAN

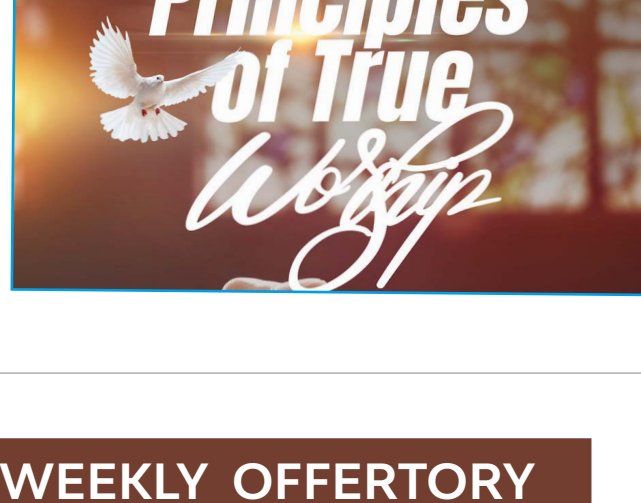
PODCAST: What are the pillars of the Combined Offering Plan voted during the Annual Council 2002 as the suggested and promoted offering plan?

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## 2024 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS/VIDEOS

Now also in [French](#), [Portuguese](#) and [Spanish](#).

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READING



### 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 first 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 March 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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### March 2024 Offertory Devotional Videos



March 2—Who is the Owner



March 9—A Reason to Live



March 16—A Sacrificial Offering

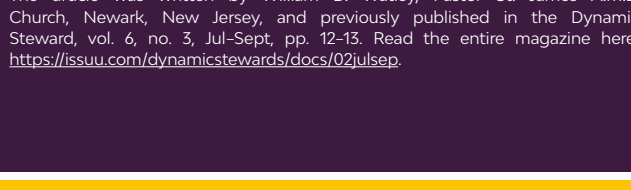


March 23—Teaching the Teacher

## LET'S GO BACK TO BETHEL

It must have been one of the loneliest nights of his life. Jacob had run away from home. As he faced the reality of his failing eyesight, Isaac found himself thinking more and more about the inevitability of his death. He needed to pass on the mantle of family leadership and make disposition of his estate between his two sons. Esau recognized that although there was nothing he could do about his lost birthright and stolen blessing, he could. . .

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The article was written by William D. Watley, Pastor St. James A.M.E. Church, Newark, New Jersey, and previously published in the Dynamic Steward, vol. 6, no. 3, Jul-Sep, pp. 12-13. Read the entire magazine here: <https://issuu.com/dynamicsteward/docs/02julsep>

## WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



Courtesy of the Adventist Mission.

### CROSSING MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS TO CARRY HOPE TO HIS VILLAGE

In a remote Cabécar village in Costa Rica, Arsenio, a Global Mission pioneer, overcomes physical and cultural barriers to share the Adventist message. Arsenio and aspiring pastor Melvin work passionately to bring hope and the love of Jesus to their indigenous community, striving to make the gospel accessible in their native language.

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## DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



The article was written by Abraão de Lima Silva, Stewardship Ministries director of the Eastern Brazilian Union, and previously published in Dynamic Steward, vol. 26, no. 3, July–September 2023, pp. 16–17 (<https://issuu.com/dynamicsteward/docs/2023-26-3>). Read the article here: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/shaping-stewardship-habits-in-children-using-allowances>

### STEPPING INTO MARRIAGE: LEARNING TO HANDLE FINANCES TOGETHER

Marriage is comparable to constructing a high-rise building for eternity, to be sustainable for a lifetime and beyond. Considering what is at stake, these words of Jesus deserve attention: “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it” (Luke 14:28, NKJV). So it is with the formation of a couple . . .

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## SERMON ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

### ENVY AND GREED WILL COST YOU



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#### Illustrates Greed.

There is an old Jewish folktale about a cat that stole a cheese from a market. A dog saw the robbery and wanted some for himself, so he and the cat fought; but there was no victor. They decided to get the fox to settle their quarrel. . . .

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### A FORGIVEN PERSON IS BLESSED



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#### Illustrates Blessings.

Have you ever received a gift you know you did not deserve? Doesn't it completely change the way you think of the person or source of the undeserved kindness? Think about how you would react if you owed a huge amount of . . .

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## SUGGESTED RESOURCES



**Children Stewardship Revival Week materials in Farsi and Turkish.** Cultivate spiritual maturity in children through a dedicated week of recommitment and enriched learning drawn from the Book of Daniel. Guide them to establish enduring spiritual practices that will support their journey throughout life.

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### GodFirst Video Series for Millennials.

The “God First” video series was developed to help people connect with God, providing for them a living experience of trust in Him. Animated by millennials, the videos are devised to answer questions about tithes and offerings that may still be in the minds of some members.

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## E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS

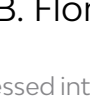
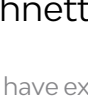
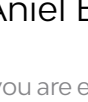


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Dear Brother N, I have felt very much burdened over your case since we met you at the Tipton camp meeting. I could scarcely refrain from addressing you personally while speaking to the people upon the words of Christ: “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves . . . — *True Wealth*, pp. 121-127.

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