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Matthew 6:33



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Leaders: Men and Women of Influence

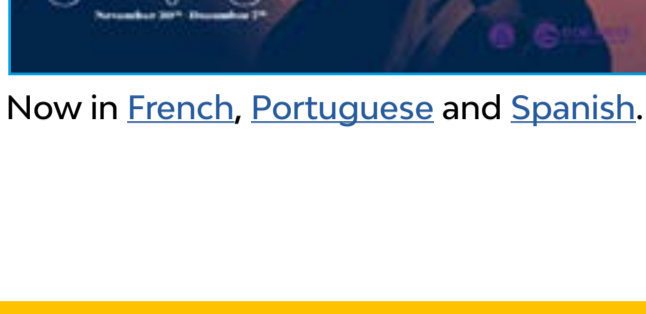
Leadership revolves around the idea of influence, or as Peter Northouse puts it: "Influence is the sine qua non of leadership." The litmus test of our leadership is: Effective leaders, across all spheres, are influencers, including in the church context. This issue of the *Dynamic Steward* magazine explores the influence of leaders and their relationship with church members. Read the latest issue of on issuu.com or below in PDF.



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STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL WEEK—2024



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Nov. 30th - Dec. 7th—My Lifestyle

The Annual Stewardship Revival Week offers a unique opportunity for local churches to invite member to reflect on some crucial aspects of their lives as God's stewards. Each day's program includes a reflection and an appeal to commit to faithfully managing what God has entrusted to us. The week culminates with the Stewardship Sabbath, during which time a commitment ceremony . . .

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STEWARDSHIP AND TREASURY PARTNERSHIP



To nurture a God-first lifestyle

We are created and redeemed as stewards. This is our fundamental identity and purpose. Therefore, nurturing a God-first lifestyle as the basis for a holistic approach to stewardship allows church members to see the connection more clearly between their personal spiritual growth, personal worship through giving, and personal witness in mission.

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2025 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

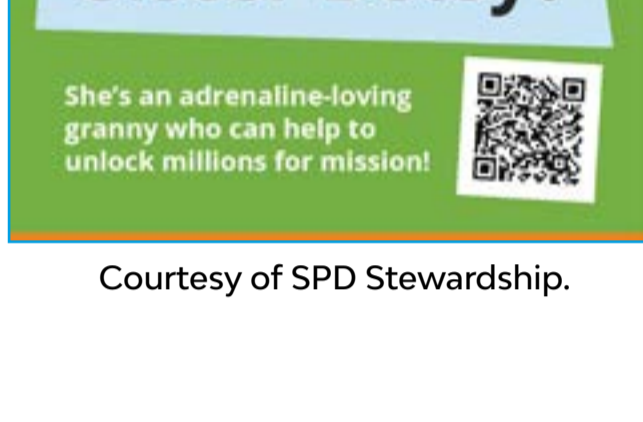


Written by Dr. Mundia Liywali

The 2025 Offertory Devotional 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.

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SISTER BETSY IS BACK IN SPD!



Courtesy of SPD Stewardship.

Sister Betsy is an Adventist concept of systematic benevolence, a practice of intentionally setting aside a percentage of income as an offering to God. This practice supports vital mission work, such as feeding the hungry and sharing the gospel. Sister Betsy represents a mindset that deepens faith and brings joy and purpose to life. If any other Divisions would like to use Sister Betsy they are welcome to contact Julian Archer, Stewardship director of SPD.

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A CALL TO PUT GOD FIRST

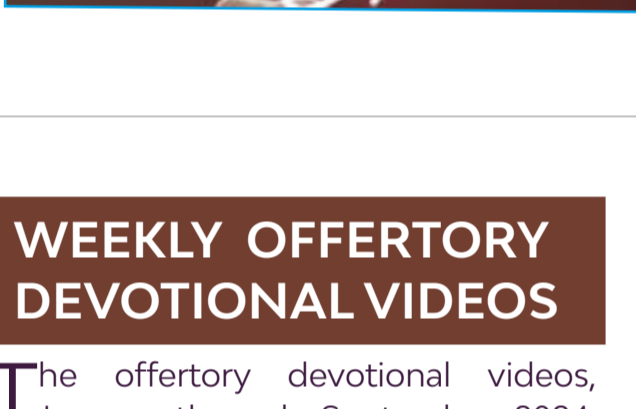
SERMON: Pastor Marcos F. Bomfim explores Psalm 16 and its relevance for our daily lives. He provides both spiritual encouragement and practical steps for making God the central focus in every aspect of life.

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2024 OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READINGS/VIDEOS

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL READING



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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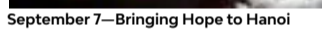
WEEKLY OFFERTORY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

The offertory devotional videos, January through September 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](#).

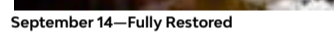
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September 2024 Offertory Devotional Videos



September 7—Bringing Hope to Hanói



September 14—Fully Restored



September 21—I'm Wholly Thine



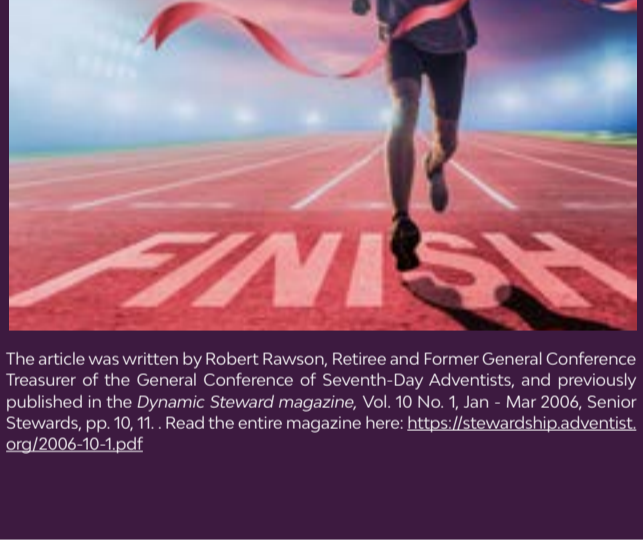
September 28—Two Brothers, Two Offerings

TO FINISH THE RACE

Robert Rawson

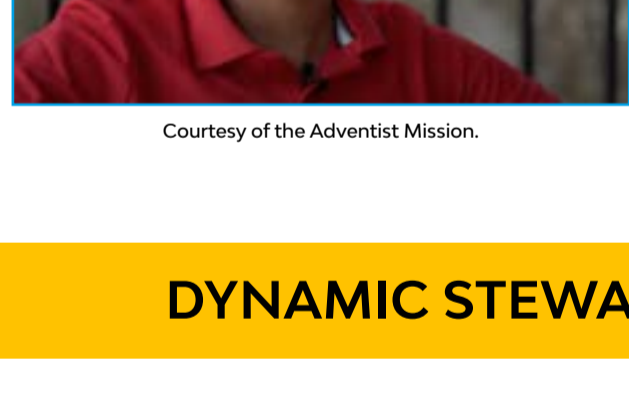
One of my earliest childhood memories was of my mother and father sitting down with me to count out the pennies equal to ten percent of my allowance. From a small boy's perspective, it was sometimes painful to see those pennies set aside for tithes, but how thankful I have been through the years for that early training in financial stewardship principles. I have discovered that small things are important to God.

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The article was written by Robert Rawson, Retiree and Former General Conference Treasurer of the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, and previously published in the *Dynamic Steward* magazine, Vol. 10 No. 1, Jan - Mar 2006, Senior Stewards, pp. 10, 11. Read the entire magazine here: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2006-30-31.pdf>.

WE SERVE BECAUSE YOU GIVE



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SHOT SIX TIMES

Jaquiel never imagined he would be lying face down on the ground, covered in blood, fighting for his life. He had been shot six times and didn't know whether he would live or die.

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DYNAMIC STEWARD IN POWERPOINT



This editorial was written by Julian Archer, Stewardship director for the South Pacific Division, and was previously published in *Dynamic Steward*, vol. 26, no. 2, April-June, 2023, pp. 6-7. Read the article here: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/blessings-up-knees-down>. Read the magazine here: <https://stewardship.adventist.org/2023-26-2.pdf>.

We don't hear sermons about money very often, but if Jesus preached every Sabbath, we would often be reminded that our relationship with money and material blessings can be our number one spiritual obstacle. About twenty-five percent of Jesus' teaching dealt with it. Can you imagine if our preachers focused on the dangers and the right use of money once every month?

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SERMON ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

LOVE IS A COSTLY THING



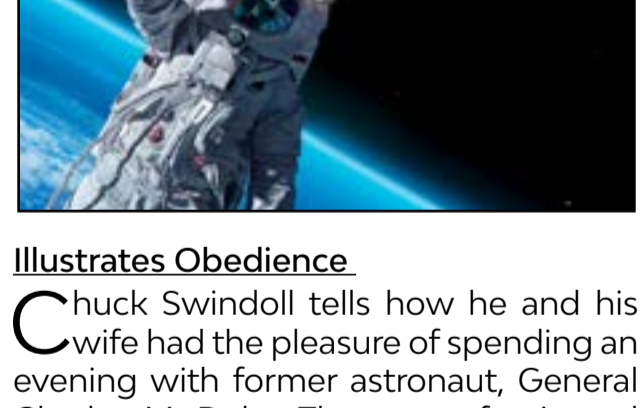
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Illustrates Faith

She was lying on the ground. In her arms she held a tiny baby girl. As I put a cooked sweet potato into her outstretched hand, I wondered if she would live until morning. Her strength was almost gone, but her tired eyes acknowledged my gift. . . .

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SPENDING TIME WITH AN ASTRONAUT

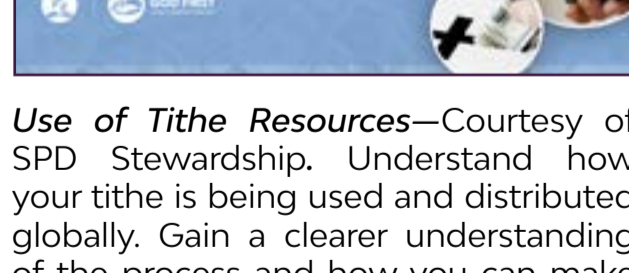


Illustrates Obedience

Chuck Swindoll tells how he and his wife had the pleasure of spending an evening with former astronaut, General Charles M. Duke. They were fascinated as he told of the Apollo 16 mission to the moon, including some interesting tidbits related to driving "Rover," the lunar . . .

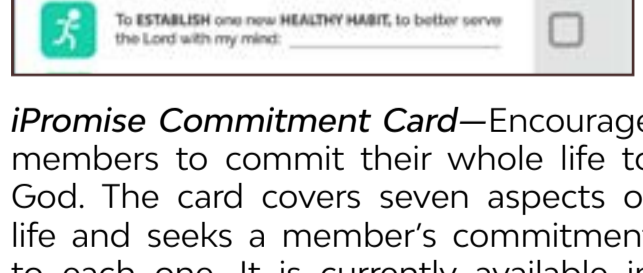
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SUGGESTED RESOURCES



Use of Tithe Resources—Courtesy of SPD Stewardship. Understand how your tithe is being used and distributed globally. Gain a clearer understanding of the process and how you can make a positive difference. Learn more about transparency, financial audits and accountability in the church.

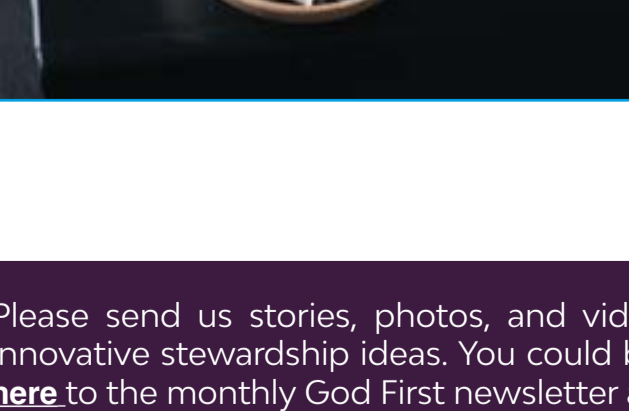
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iPromise Commitment Card—Encourage members to commit their whole life to God. The card covers seven aspects of life and seeks a member's commitment to each one. It is currently available in 26 different languages for adults and children. Contact us if you would like to translate the card into your language.

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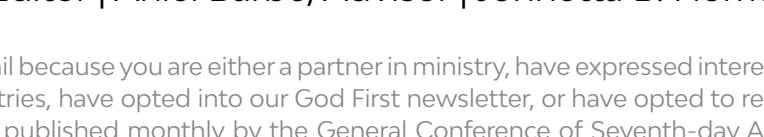


The parable of the talents, rightly understood, will bar out covetousness, which God calls idolatry. Practical benevolence will give spiritual life to thousands of nominal professors of the truth who now mourn over their darkness. It will transform them from selfish, covetous worshipers of mammon to earnest, faithful co-workers with Christ in the salvation of sinners.—*True Wealth*, p. 68

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