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*"excel in this **grace of giving**" (2 Cor. 8:7)*



Welcome to Giving in Grace

Stewardship resources for the local church

These comprehensive resources will enable clergy and lay leaders to create over time a culture of stewardship in the local church and release Christians to "excel in the grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7). Start with [A Cord of Three Strands](#) then explore the resources and see what best meets the needs of your church.

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Stewardship Programme

Tried and tested resources to run a stewardship initiative in the local church (includes access to original 'Classic' web pages)

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Stewardship Tasks

Building good stewardship practice and culture in the local church

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Annual Review

Creative materials and thinking to resource an Annual Review of giving as a focus for stewardship ministry

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1. Not seriously confronted with or grappled with the teaching of faith about generosity
2. Churches settle for and have low expectations
3. Congregations lack confidence in the trustworthiness of churches to administer money
4. Privatisation, lack of accountability and few or no consequences to low or no giving
5. Giving in a sporadic, unplanned manner



- Not fundraising from others but stewardship by God's people
- Not a budget fix but building a culture of generosity
- Not just resourcing ministry but giving as discipleship
- Adapted by church size and tradition; can be done long or short



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- How much do we need?
Some financial tools
 - Income and expenditure
 - Reserves
 - Giving profile
 - A simple budget
- How are we going to get it?
 - Clear cash targets and guidance on giving
- What do we say to whom?
 - Templates for letters, brochures and response forms





- Meeting people where **they** are:
 - personal faith
 - relationship with church
 - awareness of financial matters
 - understanding of bible and faith
 - economic situations
- Encouraging a next step along their journey of generosity
- We don't ask everyone for the same response
- We differentiate only on what we know
- Care around GDPR





- Strong, visible leadership from clergy and lay leaders
- Model a generous response
 - Making the first responses
 - Giving the early gifts
 - Sharing the total with the congregation
- Telling the story of why this matters?



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Case statement



- A structure for early planning group preparation
 - The case for giving: plans and priorities
 - Where we are: financial analysis
 - Define the ask: a basic operating budget
- A litmus test of leadership commitment



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- Liturgical materials for each sermon theme
- Plug and play liturgies
 - Eucharist
 - Service of the Word
- Encourage leaders to pray
- Help people to pray and prayerfully respond



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- Preaching creates a culture in which other stewardship tasks can flourish
- Preaching introduces a new vocabulary of gift, grace, gratitude and generosity
- Preaching focuses not on needs or benefit but what God has done in Jesus



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- Three- or four-week preaching series:
 - Matthew: parables of Jesus
 - Mark: selected passages
 - Luke: parables (adult and all-age resources)
 - 2 Corinthians 8 and 9: Paul's detailed teaching
- The Exodus story
 - creative, flexible resources
 - all-age worship
 - separate learning for children
 - adult resources
- Harvest resources





1. Differentiated letters to the Leaders, Planned, Plate (and our Friends?)
2. A single brochure setting out financial facts and ministry goals
3. Response forms to be returned – with follow-up:
4. Follow-up literature
 - Thank you letters
 - Reminder letters
 - Follow-up on information requests e.g. a request for weekly envelopes





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- The base camps of stewardship: plan, start out, rest
- Providing opportunities for people to talk together, ask questions, change the culture in which money is discussed in the church.
- Small-group resources:
 - Exodus
 - Seasons of Giving: Luke
 - 2 Corinthians 8 and 9
 - The Money Course
 - Links to other small-group resources





- Informal setting for presenting financial needs
- Ideal for engaging our friends in the community





- Why children and young people?
 - Learn financial capability and resist consumerism
 - Grow up generous
- All-age material:
 - Exodus
 - Harvest
 - Seasons of Giving (Luke)
- Money matters: creative youth and children's resources





- A personal visit **must** follow up *a response that has been made*
- Churches should **also** consider home visiting to:
 - deliver and discuss the literature
 - encourage church members to make their response.
- It may be advisable to use the differentiated database to visit a section of the congregation



Site Map

A Stewardship Programme

For an overview of the Giving in Grace resources see A cord of three strands. 

