

Stewardship British Union e-Honour



Bible Search

a. What does 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20 say about the stewardship of the body?

b. What does Matthew 25:15 tell us about the stewardship of talents?

c. What does Colossians 4:5 say about the stewardship of time?

d. What does John 3:16 tell us that God gave?

e. What does Psalm 24:1 tell us about who owns the earth?

f. What does Genesis 1:26 say about who is the steward over the earth?

g. What does Proverbs 3:9 say about who is always first?

h. How do we know that tithe means a tenth? Genesis 28:22.

i. Who does Leviticus 27:30 say the tithe belongs to?

j. How does Malachi 3:8 say that God is robbed?

k. What does 1 Corinthians 9:13, 14 say about the use of the tithe?

l. How do we know that the tithe is different from offerings? Malachi 3:8.

m. What does 1 Corinthians 16:12 say about how we are to give our offerings?

n. What does Matthew 6:20 say about where to keep our treasures?

o. What does 2 Corinthians 9:7 say about our attitude in giving?

p. What promised blessing is given in Malachi 3:10?

2. You are requested to read with your counsellor or pastor the following:
Section IV (pp 111 to 130); par. 1 and 2, p. 14; and par. 1, p. 66 of Counsels on Stewardship by Ellen White. Here's a couple of lines from paragraph 2, p.14 to think about written in the context of John 3:16. What do you think they mean?

“The spirit of liberality (generosity) is the spirit of heaven. Christ’s self-sacrificing love is revealed upon the cross. That man might be saved, He gave all that He had.”

3. Learn what is done with the tithe in your local church, your local conference, your union, and the General Conference. This chart below shows the levels of organisation for the Seventh-day Adventist church from your local church, to the General Conference which serves the church globally.



Based on the biblical principle as outlined in Malachi 3:10, the Seventh-day Adventist church believes in ‘returning’ tithe to the Lord. In addition, the bible instructs where the tithe is to be place. Adventists have applied the biblical principle, and adapted for the world we live in today.

To see how this works in practice, take a look at a video presentation of this, featuring Elder Ted Wilson and some other notable church leaders when they gathered together for a Pastor’s congress in 2018. I really had fun making this illustration. I reckon you could copy it using people from your church to act as leaders at their respective levels. The relevant segment in the video is between 1 hour 30:00mins and 1 hour 35:20 and directly answers the question, what happens to your tithe – and offerings?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=np9bQrnUIqw&list=PLHITyU7ArSTKE1WWMPs_zNo9T57TePEoe&index=6&t=5406s

To help you further answer this question, there is a bookmark that is produced by Adventist Stewardship Ministries with 10 tithing questions answered.

<https://stewardship.adventist.org/bookmarks.pdf>

To help with understanding the overall meaning of stewardship and why it is important for the Christian, Adventist Stewardship Ministries have also produced a second bookmark with 10 facts about Christian stewardship.

<https://stewardship.adventist.org/assets/public/resources/promotional/bookmark-facts-about-stewardship.pdf>

Why not download both bookmarks and place in your bible?

4. From your pastor, church treasurer, or elder learn about your church budget, what finances your church must meet, and the purpose of each item listed on your church tithe and offering envelope.

I do hope you will be able to call or e-mail your pastor. If your pastor is not available, contact your church Elder or the Treasurer.

5. Keep a chart on how you spend your time for one weekend and one-week day. In this chart make a list of how much time you spend in the areas on the chart (see chart below):

6. Do one of the following:

a. If you have an income-producing job or an allowance, make a list of how you spend your money for one month.

b. If you are not in the category above, make a list of how you would spend an income of £50 a month in the following categories:

- 1) Clothes
- 2) Entertainment
- 3) Personal items (toiletries)
- 4) Gifts
- 5) School supplies
- 6) Tithe and offerings
- 7) Eating out
- 8) Transportation

From your list determine what percentage of your total income is spent on each item. After completing the chart and percentages, discuss with your pastor or counsellor the advantages of a budget and how to stay within a budget.

7. From the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy determine what instruction has been given concerning the variety and use of God-given talents. (Read Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12-14 and Ephesians 4.

8. List three talents or skills that you have, such as building things, mechanics, gardening, painting or drawing, writing, speaking, music, teaching, sewing, etc. Choose one of these three talents and do a project to help develop your talent further.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Your project must follow these guidelines:

- a. The project is to be a benefit or outreach to others.
- b. The project is to be a new endeavour not previously accomplished.
- c. Spend at least five hours in the planning and implementation of the project.
- d. Make a written or oral report to your counsellor about your project.

So, as a reflective question, when all is said and done, what do you think Stewardship is?



If you want to discover more about what it means to be a Christian Stewards, there are two specific recommended resource pages:

Trans-European Division, Stewardship Ministries

<https://ted.adventist.org/stewardship-ministries/resources>

Adventist Stewardship Ministries, General Conference

<https://stewardship.adventist.org/>

And finally,...

If it is true that Stewardship is about ‘everything we think, say, and do after we say, “I believe” what we are really saying is that we are willing to put God First in our lives.

I hope you enjoy working towards achieving your Pathfinder Honour. As you complete the worksheet for this honour, I want to invite you more than anything to think about what it means to put God First in your own life.

<https://stewardship.adventist.org/simplified-children-commitment-card.pdf>

If you have any questions about Stewardship, and what further help understanding this important biblical principle, please feel free to contact me, dneal@stanboroughpress.org.uk and I will be happy to help.

Best wishes,

Pr David Neal, Editor, Messenger Magazine for the British Union

GOD FIRST

I PROMISE:

-  **SPEND TIME** talking to Jesus when I first wake up every day.
-  Ask Jesus to help me **FORGIVE** and **LOVE** others because it can be really hard.
-  Choose **HEALTHY HABITS** so I can listen to God's voice.
-  **TELL** all my friends and family about Jesus.
-  Make **SABBATH** extra special by getting ready.
-  Faithfully **RETURN** God's **TITHE** which is 10% of whatever income He **FIRST** gives to me.
-  **PROMISE** a percentage (___ %) of my income as regular offering.

WITH GOD'S HELP: _____ DATE: _____



	Amount of time spent at each activity						
a. Work for pay							
b. Family time							
c. Personal devotions							
d. Public Worship							
e. Family Worship							
f. Fun things							
g. Reading							
h. Television							
i. Meals							
j. Sleep							
k. Personal needs							
l. Class time							
m. School study							
n. Travel							
o. Music lesson							
p. Music practice							
q. Home chores							
r. Shopping							