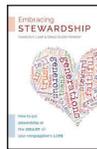


# General stewardship education guide

Recommended resources from various authors and publishers

## For adults

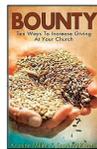


### *Embracing Stewardship*

By Charles Lane and Grace Duddy Pomroy

In *Embracing Stewardship*, Pomroy and Lane dig into the heart of the matter by naming obstacles to understanding the essential spiritual discipline of stewardship. In this practical book, the authors' perspectives from two generations offer a mixture of tried-and-true strategies and new approaches to help faith communities and their leaders become confident, competent, generous stewards.

This book provides eight pathways your congregation can follow to deepen your members' understanding of themselves as stewards of the bounty of God. (embracingstewardship.com)

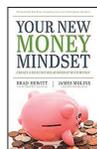


### *Bounty: Ten ways to increase giving at your church*

By Kristine Miller and Scott McKenzie

Church leaders struggle with issues related to financial giving every year, in every economic climate. Many do not want to preach about the topic, and some don't even like to think about it.

*Bounty* explores the spiritual component of stewardship development, and in 10 do-able steps, clearly instructs pastors and laity how to lead congregations to grow in generosity. Laid out with sound rationale and the wisdom of real-church experience, *Bounty* equips leaders to shift their congregants' hearts as well as their pocketbooks. (amazon.com)



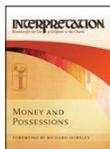
### *Your new money mindset: Create a healthy relationship with money*

By Brad Hewitt and James Moline, Ph.D.

In *Your New Money Mindset*, you will be challenged to consider your attitudes about money and how it impacts an openhearted approach to life. This book looks at the importance of integrating our faith with our financial decisions and embracing how our use of money is a reflection of what it means to follow Jesus.

The book is divided into 12 chapters. It's appropriate for Sunday school and small-group settings. It also includes suggested discussion questions along with an online personal Money Assessment Survey. (amazon.com)

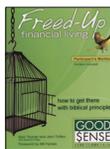




### *Money and Possessions*

By Walter Brueggemann

Brueggemann calls us to reflect on the biblical message regarding material possessions. Instead of our present practice of capitalist extraction and the greed that drives it, Brueggemann urges development of an economy of restoration, based on debt forgiveness and mutual aid, as a radical economic alternative. (Westminster, John Knox Press: [wjkbbooks.com](http://wjkbbooks.com))



### *Freed-up financial living*

By Dick Towner

*Freed-up financial living* is an inclusive, six-session DVD curriculum that features the teaching of seasoned financial ministry leaders Dick Towner, John Tofilon and Shannon Plate. It contains all teaching and supporting drama videos in a simple plug-and-play format that allows the content to be experienced without the need for a teacher.

The curriculum outlines biblical essentials on earning, giving, saving, spending and reducing debt, while providing practical tips to help participants achieve their own financial, personal and spiritual goals, and is easily adaptable for use in seminar, small group or even individual use settings. A workbook also is available. (Good Sense Life Curriculum, [Willowcreek.com](http://Willowcreek.com))



### *Rewilding the Way: Break Free to Follow an Untamed God*

By Todd Wynward

Do you despair about life on our changing planet? Join the hopeful band of God-seekers and change-makers who are rewilding the way. Wynward shares stories and experiences to help the reader learn from those recovering from “affluenza” and restoring their humble places in their communities and with creation. (Herald Press: [heraldpress.com](http://heraldpress.com))

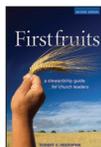
## For church leaders



### *A Spirituality of Fundraising*

By Henri J.M. Nouwen

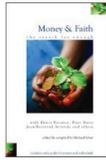
Nouwen, with impeccable insight, conveys the transformative effect fundraising can have on organizations and people. He has given us a rare gift: a compelling understanding of development as ministry, where donors are subjects, not objects, and money follows mission. (The Upper Room: [upperroom.org](http://upperroom.org))



### *Firstfruits: A stewardship guide for church leaders*

By Robert C. Heerspink

The biggest challenge the church will face is not a matter of doctrine, but one more practical: How will we handle our wealth? In this guide, Heerspink offers inspiring, provocative and challenging counsel for transforming thoughtless givers into thankful believers who are rich in giving to God and others. Heerspink has served as a pastor and frequent speaker at stewardship conferences. He serves as director of Back to God Ministries International, associated with the Christian Reformed Church in North America. (Barnabas Foundation, [Barnabasfoundation.com](http://Barnabasfoundation.com))



### *Money & faith: the search for enough*

Edited and compiled by Michael Schut

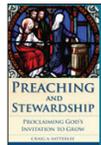
This book is a collection of essays by renowned authors such as Henri Nouwen, Walter Brueggemann, Ched Myers, Lynn Twist and Sarah Tarver-Wahlquist. The quality of the writing is excellent and the book points us away from the idolatry of materialism toward lives of love and service. We are “moneyed people” and our getting, having and spending is too often in the pursuit of small things, whereas this book points us to the greater good we can do with some careful thought and intentionality. (Churchpublishing.org)



### *Not your parents' offering plate: a new vision for financial stewardship*

By Chris Christopher

This concise book will be a great guide for local church finance and stewardship teams. In this resource, Christopher calls for us to realize that we do live in a “survival of the fittest” financial world. He offers practical and applicable ways to change the way our church practices stewardship and generosity. Why not find ways to thrive rather than merely survive? (Abingdonpress.com)



### *Preaching and stewardship*

By Craig Satterlee

This book about preaching is full of good, practical sense and replete with soaring theology. Satterlee shakes us loose from all mundane notions of stewardship in favor of the claim that the way we use money can be a bold act of resistance to the powers at work in the world that are opposed to God. This book is a guide for pastors who long to believe that biblically grounded and clearly articulated sermons on stewardship can grow people's giving and their faith. (Alban Institute, Alban.org)

## For youths



### *Money sanity solutions: Linking money & meaning*

By Nathan Dungan

*Money sanity solutions* is designed to bring parents and teens together to build new skills, counteract hyper-consumerism and equip the next generation for a lifetime of financial success.

This curriculum contains 15 topical, interactive chapters with lively and engaging video segments, providing insights, stories and practical ideas gleaned from Dungan's 20 years of working with families and organizations. Each chapter includes discussion starters and case studies, as well as exercises and activities to help all family members put their learning into action. (Share Save Spend, Sharesavespend.com)