

# Working the Family Business (Stewardship) Resources

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| Christian Stewardship Preparation/<br>Group Study                           | 1        | <b><u>Preparing for Faithful Stewardship</u></b><br>Four-part Bible Study for group discussion         | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | Focuses on how God prepares your hearts and minds to respond with action as He shapes your attitudes and equips you for service in His kingdom. The four-themes are:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ "Preparation of the Mind"</li><li>❖ "Preparation of the Heart"</li><li>❖ "Preparing for Response"</li><li>❖ "Preparing for Action"</li></ul>   | Study goal is to increase knowledge and understanding of Christian stewardship and to encourage consecrated living for the Lord.              |
| Discipleship/<br>Individual<br>One to One mentoring<br>Small or Large Group | 2        | <b><u>Maturing as Stewards Through Faith, Love, &amp; Hope</u></b><br>Bible Studies<br>Daily Devotions | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | The purpose of these studies are to raise our understanding of the importance of the God-given virtues of faith, love, and hope in our stewardship lives and to teach us to rely on God's grace to be the stewards he calls us to be.<br>The three sessions of this study are:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. "Faith Produces Works"</li><li>2. "Love Prompts Action"</li><li>3. "Hope Goes the Distance"</li></ol> Our acts of loving, serving, and giving are responses to what God has already done for us. Faith, love, and hope are God's tools that He gives us so that we can live as His people who worship Him and carry our His purposes. | Throughout these studies, we are reminded that God is the source of all things. God initiates, and we respond.                                |
| Discipleship<br>Stewardship Ministry/<br>For Ministry Leaders               | 3        | <b><u>Energizing your Stewardship Committee</u></b><br>Book  | Ronald J Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>               | The purpose of this book is to equip and energize stewardship committee members to discover new and better ways of doing stewardship ministry. You can develop a climate of giving, sharing, and serving. Through God's grace, you will challenge the members of your congregation to grow as faithful stewards. The focus is on helping members to become more spiritually mature in their lives as Christians.   | This might be a good source for CLA's to begin their service. You might want to go through this with a group of leaders in your congregation. |

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| Discipleship Biblical Source/<br>Church leaders  | 4        | <b>Following Jesus</b><br>Biblical Reflections on Discipleship  | N. T. Wright<br>William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company<br>255 Jefferson Ave.<br>S.E.<br>Grand Rapids, MI<br>49503                                 | The twelve exhilarating meditations in this volume explore what it truly means to follow Jesus today. Wright first outlines the essential messages of six major NT books---Hebrews, Colossians, Matthew, John, Mark, and Revelations---looking in particular at their portrayal of Jesus and what he accomplished in his sacrificial death. He then takes six key NT themes---resurrection, rebirth, temptation, hell, heaven, and new life---and considers their significance for the lives of present-day disciples.   | "The longer you look at Jesus, the more you will want to serve him in his world. That is, of course, if it's the real Jesus you're looking at."<br>N. T. Wright  |
| Empowering People for Ministry/<br>Church staff use or church leaders or a volunteer coordinator | 5        | <b>Church Volunteer Central</b><br>Membership to online resource: Access to leadership consultant on volunteer issues, 100's of ideas for recruiting, training, motivating, and retaining volunteers, also customizable tools, staff manager database, etc.<br><br><i>See website for sample.</i> | Group's Church Volunteer Central<br><a href="http://www.churchvolunteercentral.com">www.churchvolunteercentral.com</a>                            | Built upon three theological principles found in the Bible. In the Great Commission, Jesus doesn't tell us to go and make believers; he tells us to go and make disciples ---committed followers of Christ. The Bible says "they are a royal priesthood." The second principle is that He blesses each of us with specific abilities---spiritual gifts---for the ministry he wants us to be in. The next principle is the uniqueness of all believers which motivates us to bring people into discipleship by helping them identify, get training for, and move into the ministry for which God designed them. | This could be an invaluable tool if accessed often by the appropriate staff and church leaders. Would be helpful to have a volunteer coordinator (volunteer or staff member).<br><br>This is for churches that are serious about bringing members into ministry. |
| Empowering People for Ministry/<br>Leaders Training  | 6        | <b>Simply Strategic Volunteers</b><br>(How-to Book with Discussion Guide)   | Tony Morgan/Tim Stevens<br>Group Publishing, Inc. Loveland, CO<br><a href="http://www.group.com">www.group.com</a>                                | Leading people from being consumers in the church to being contributors claiming the ministry as their own. Solutions to help recruit, train, motivate, and keep volunteers in ministry.   | Good for use with leaders of the church  |
| Empowering People for Ministry/<br>Training for pastors & church leaders                         | 7        | <b>Multiply Your Ministry</b><br>Workshop<br><br><i>See website for sample.</i>   | Presented by Church Volunteer Central<br>Group 888-886-3969<br><a href="http://www.ChurchVolunteerCentral.com">www.ChurchVolunteerCentral.com</a> | Gain an understanding of the foundational biblical imperatives of equipping ministry. Learn the elements of an equipping culture and how to build that culture in your church. Understand the roles of leaders and what teams are required. Learn the key elements of an equipping system and the support systems that need to be in place.  | Workshop for pastors and leaders of the church, heads of ministry teams.   |

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| Empowering People for Ministry/<br>Training for pastors, church staff, lay leaders, school administrators | 8        | <b>Stephen Ministries Breakthrough Leadership</b><br>Conference<br>October 7-12, 2007<br>St. Louis, Missouri<br><br><i>See website for sample.</i> | Stephen Ministries<br>Breakthrough Leadership<br>2045 Innerbelt Business Center Dr.<br>St. Louis, MO 63114-5765<br><a href="http://www.breakthroughleadership.org">www.breakthroughleadership.org</a>     | A comprehensive training event for leaders inside and outside the church. Experience an eye-opening approach to leadership. Equip to lead congregations through the rapid changes and growing challenges of the new century. Integrate your faith more fully into your leadership and empower your team to achieve its mission.   | For pastors, church staff, lay leaders, educators, school administrators, anyone with a desire to learn and grow as a leader. |
| Empowerment from God/<br>General membership   | 9        | <b>Tap into God's Rich Supply</b><br>Bible Studies and Devotions   | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | Our time, abilities, and money are inadequate. Rather than our giving to God, He is the One who provides for us and gives to us all we need and more. This study focuses on God as the owner and giver of all that we need to sustain our own lives and to carry out His mission on Earth. The themes are "Tap into God's Rich Supply... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Of Love and Grace"</li> <li>❖ Through a Relationship with His Son"</li> <li>❖ Of His Sanctifying Power"</li> </ul> God promises to enrich us through His Word and Sacrament that we might serve Him wholeheartedly. He promises to pour out His blessings on us so that we will be equipped to share with others our gifts and resources. | Three studies followed by daily devotions for the week.   |

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| Empowerment from God/<br>General membership               | 10       | <b><u>Tap into God's Rich Supply</u></b><br>Sunday Stewardship Emphasis  | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | Focuses on God's faithfulness, on His never-ending abundance which He pours out on us, and on His continuing care of both our bodies and our spirits. The three Sunday themes are as follows:<br>"Tap into God's Rich Supply..." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Of Love and Grace"</li> <li>❖ Through a Relationship with His Son"</li> <li>❖ Of His Sanctifying Power"</li> </ul> The program book contains material that will help lead an effective stewardship emphasis.                                       | For use by pastors and worship team over three Sundays.<br><br>A three-Sunday stewardship emphasis program available that contains sermon suggestions, newsletter articles, bulletin messages, letters, etc. |
| Environment Today   | 11       | <b><u>Christianity in an Age of Terrorism</u></b><br>Book  | Gene Edward Veith<br>Concordia Publishing House<br>3558 S. Jefferson Ave.<br>St. Louis, MO 63118  | The events of September 11, 2001, remain a watershed moment for American culture. If we are in a new cultural era, the church will face new temptations and will find new opportunities for the proclamation of the Gospel. The Word of God abides forever. The answer can be found in Scripture which can guide us through these tumultuous and uncertain times.  | Lutheran theology can be powerful when addressing the emotions, uncertainties, and responsibilities that arise in a time of national crisis.   |
| Financial Management/<br>Small group studies for all ages | 12       | <b><u>Discovering God's Way of Handling Money</u></b><br>Video Series plus workbooks<br><br><i>See website for sample.</i> | Crown Financial Ministries<br><a href="http://www.Crown.org">www.Crown.org</a>  | There are more than 2,350 verses in the Bible dealing with how to handle finances. In this study you will learn about earning, spending, saving, investing, debt, giving and a host of other practical financial issues.   | A number of different resources for this study are available including workbooks, video, as well as a study for teens.   |
| Financial Management/<br>Small group                      | 13       | <b><u>Becoming Money Wise</u></b><br>Bible Study   | Ronald J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>              | A study on the Biblical perspective about finances so that you become wiser regarding money and more efficient in the management of the financial resources that God gives to you. This study goes into actual personal financial planning with practical exercises with topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Becoming a Responsible Planner</li> <li>❖ Becoming a Generous Giver</li> <li>❖ Becoming a Disciplined Saver</li> <li>❖ Becoming a Smart Spender</li> <li>❖ Becoming a Debt-free Steward</li> </ul> | Five sessions for a small group of interested participants in developing a financial plan for themselves.  |

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| Financial Management/<br>Small group                                     | 14       | <b><u>Controlling Your Money</u></b><br>Bible Study  | Ronald J. Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>              | Of all the gifts God entrusts to us, money is probably the one we struggle with the most. As His stewards, we are called to be wise in the handling of money and faithful in its use. Money is such an integral part of our lives that we need to spend sufficient time to comprehend how it affects both our material and spiritual life. The study will help equip and enable you to become wiser in planning the giving, saving, and spending of your money.   | This book can be used in small groups as well as personal reading and meditation.   |
| Financial Management/<br>Small group ready to incorporate an action plan | 15       | <b><u>Financial Counsel from God's Word</u></b><br><i>Five Steps to a Transformed Financial Life</i><br>Daily Readings & Group Bible Studies | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | To teach and guide us in the handling of money, God has placed over 2,000 verses about money and possessions in the Bible. In these verses, the Bible makes it clear that money does not bring security. As we spend time reading God's Word, we can, through the working of the Holy Spirit, begin to apply the money management principles that he provides. The readings in this booklet are written to help one understand and apply God's instruction regarding His money.   | 14 Daily Readings, A personal action plan for a transformed financial life, and three personal or small group Bible Studies.                    |
| Financial Management/<br>Church service use                              | 16       | <b><u>Financial Counsel from God's Word</u></b><br>Sunday Stewardship Emphasis   | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | Because money can be a tool either for good or for improper purposes, Christians need to be educated and challenged to use it according to God's will for His glory. This program, based on God's Word, will encourage members to apply God's principles about money to their lives. For some, this program will only reinforce their faithful stewardship of the money that God has given them. For others, the messages can make a strong impact and cause them to change the way they view, use, and give their money. | For pastors and the worship team.<br>14 daily readings with practical application suggested to tie in with the messages from the Sunday sermons |

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| Financial Management/<br>Couples preparing to marry                  | 17       | <b><u>Financial Wisdom for a Lifetime of Marriage</u></b><br>Study, Discussion, Planning Materials                                | Ronald J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | Money is such an integral part of life and marriage that God's people need to spend sufficient time to comprehend how it affects both the material and spiritual life. Ron Chewning is a Certified Financial Planner who wrote this to bring up and discuss these questions and offer practical, Biblical counsel for the soon-to-be-married couple to aid them in beginning their new life together on firm financial ground. | This book is for couples soon-to-be married.   |
| Financial Management/for those more advanced in spiritual growth     | 18       | <b><u>Managing Our Finances God's Way</u></b><br>Workbook and DVD<br><br><i>See website for sample.</i>                           | Crown Financial Ministries<br><a href="http://www.Crown.org">www.Crown.org</a>   | Topics include The Big Picture by Rick Warren, Dedicate It All to God, Plan Your Spending, Giving as an Act of Worship, Savings & Investing, God's Solution to Debt, Enjoy What God Has Given You..  | Seven-week, video-based study to use in a small group with each participant having a workbook. No special leader training is required.   |
| Financial Management/for those more advanced in spiritual growth     | 19       | <b><u>Crown Ministries Biblical Financial Study</u></b><br>Intense 10-week study program with homework and memorization required. | Crown Financial Ministries<br><a href="http://www.Crown.org">www.Crown.org</a><br>1-800-722-1976   | In-depth study of what scripture teaches about money and possessions. Graduates have confirmed that marriages are being strengthened and individuals are finding their way out of debt. They are also becoming consistent savers, generous givers, and prudent consumer. Most importantly, people are entering into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as they learn to apply His Word.                                   | Small Group 10-week study meeting for two hours every week with scripture memorization and interactive discussions. Weekly assignments require about two hours of homework per week. They memorize one assigned scripture each week along with daily prayer. |
| Fruitful Living as Disciples/<br>Newsletter for general distribution | 20       | <b><u>Stewardship</u></b><br>Monthly Newsletter   | Parish Publishing<br>P O Box 1561<br>New Cannan, CT 06840<br>1-888-320-5576<br><a href="http://www.parishpublishing.org">www.parishpublishing.org</a>  | Concentrated stewardship campaign with monthly newsletter bringing out the values of time and talent, as well as church support. Published to help stimulate a better understanding of true giving.  | Monthly pre-printed newsletter sold for a minimum of 6 months  |

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| Fruitful Living as Disciples/<br>Small group                         | 21       | <b><u>Give It All You've Got!</u></b><br>Bible Study<br>"Serve Wholeheartedly"<br>(Ephesians 6:7)               | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | This Bible study can be used to guide group discussion as an aid to grow in spiritual maturity. The five themes include:<br>1. Giving God Our Best<br>2. Go and Make Disciples<br>3. Using Our Spiritual Gifts<br>4. Making the Most of Our Time<br>5. Growing a Grateful and Generous Heart  | Five Session Study for a small group   |
| Fruitful Living as Disciples/<br>General distribution to individuals | 22       | <b><u>Give It All You've Got!</u></b><br>Meditations for Stewards   | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790   | Through God's grace, you are given time, talents, and resources to be His instrument here on earth. Scripture is clear that God expects and deserves your best.   | 32 meditations for individual use or short group discussion and devotions.   |
| Fruitful Living as Disciples/<br>Group or individual reflection      | 23       | <b><u>Life at its Best</u></b><br><i>Living Wisely in an Unwise World</i><br>Book with Questions for Reflection | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | What is our purpose for being on earth? How do we live life at its best? This book discusses these questions and examines the following areas of our lives:<br>❖ Fellowship with God<br>❖ Use of Time<br>❖ Service<br>❖ Giving<br>❖ Obedience<br>❖ Contentment<br>❖ Wise Living<br>❖ Controlling Money<br>❖ Temptation<br>❖ Letting God's Light Shine | Contains 10 chapters with questions for reflection that can be used to promote personal meditation or to guide group discussion as an aid to growth in spiritual maturity. |

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| Fruitful Living as Disciples/<br>Small group               | 24       | <b><u>Stewards Living a God-Pleasing Life</u></b><br><i>(Stewardship is living out our commitment to Christ)</i><br>Bible Study | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | Through God's love and grace, he calls for and enables our faithful stewardship. Because God is the owner and we are the managers, we are responsible and accountable to God with what we do with all that He entrusts to us. Once we acknowledge our identity and purpose as stewards, we will view our stewardship as active and involved participation rather than a passive caretaker role. | 4 studies with discussion questions for a small group  |
| Fruitful Living as Disciples/<br>Individual or Small group | 25       | <b><u>Living As Fruitful Stewards</u></b><br>Bible Study  | Ronald J. Chewning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>              | God calls, enables, and equips us to be His faithful stewards. Fruitful stewards are Christ-centered people who invest all they are and all they have for God's purposes. Congregations that want to help their members understand stewardship as a way of life will find many ways to use this book.   | An individual could read, study, and ponder this book by himself. It is written also so that it could be used in Bible study groups. |

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| Fruitful Living as Disciples/<br>New Christian            | 26       | <b><u>New Members Growing as Stewards</u></b><br>Bible Study, mentoring source  | Ronald J. Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>   | This is written to help a new member of the church grow in understanding of Biblical stewardship. Stewardship should be seen as the managing of life and all of life's resources for God's purposes (rather than solely a church activity devoted to raising funds for church operations.) This resource will help one... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ To grow in understanding &amp; appreciation of Christian stewardship.</li> <li>❖ To understand God's call to be faithful in serving and giving.</li> <li>❖ To share Christ's love to all people.</li> <li>❖ To acknowledge God's ownership of all things.</li> <li>❖ To become more involved and active within the church.</li> <li>❖ To bear fruit.</li> </ul> | Designed for a new member and could be used by the individual alone, in a small group, or with a mentor (one-to-one is so meaningful). It looks like a great resource for a mentor to use with a new member for shepherding into the fold, <i>bringing the person into the family business.</i> |
| Fruitful Living as Disciples/<br>All encompassing program | 27       | <b>"12 Months of Congregational Stewardship" (includes "Ten for Ten" (teaching a Lutheran perspective on tithing.)</b><br>Year-round stewardship education for members<br>Monthly packet<br>Quarterly Bible Studies<br>Annual – three week emphasis | Ronald Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a><br>or contact a member of the CNH Stewardship Task Force | Educational and spiritual program designed to challenge, equip, and motivate God's people to become better stewards. Your members will be challenged and equipped to give more of their money and time.  | Newsletter articles, bulletin inserts, lay-reader presentation, devotion, elementary & high school handouts, financial advice, posters, Bible studies, three-week emphasis with sermons, Bible studies, commitment forms, etc.  |

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| Giving & Tithing                               | 28       | <p><b><u>The Treasure Principle</u></b><br/>Workshop</p> <p><i>See website for sample.</i></p> | <p>Randy Alcorn<br/>Crown Financial<br/>Ministries<br/><a href="http://www.Crown.org">www.Crown.org</a><br/>1-800-722-1976</p>   | <p>Part of “Workshops in a Box” series offering a quality Bible studies that require very little training or preparation. Encourage seeking God’s wisdom in finances. Most people can significantly give to the Kingdom of God, but they don’t know how or haven’t been taught the awesome eternal benefits of sowing into God’s work on Earth.</p>   | <p>Designed for small or large groups they are offered in a variety of teaching formats---all-day seminar, weekend workshop, or six-week Bible study.</p> |
| Giving & Tithing/<br>Group Bible Study         | 29       | <p><b><u>The Blessing of Tithing</u></b><br/>Bible Studies on <i>Christian Giving</i></p>      | <p>Ronald J. &amp; Phyllis J. Chewing<br/>Stewardship<br/>Advisors<br/>2225 E. 14 Mile<br/>Road<br/>Birmingham, MI<br/>48009<br/>1-888-783-2790<br/><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a></p>             | <p>For God’s people, giving is not an option. This Bible study will help us understand the blessings that come from tithing and that the tithe is a meaningful Biblical guide for our giving. With the tithe as a benchmark, our faithful giving will support God’s work here on earth. In addition, we as givers are blessed and God is honored.</p>   | <p>Three studies discussing the relevance of the tithe today.</p>   |
| Giving & Tithing/<br>Devotions for individuals | 30       | <p><b><u>The Blessing of Tithing</u></b><br/>Daily Devotions about <i>Christian Giving</i></p> | <p>Rev. Donald O. Neuendorf<br/>Ronald J. Chewing<br/>Stewardship<br/>Advisors<br/>2225 E. 14 Mile<br/>Road<br/>Birmingham, MI<br/>48009<br/>1-888-783-2790<br/><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a></p> | <p>How can we express our love and gratitude for what He has first given to us? Isn’t giving an expression of our love for the Lord? A brief look at tithing from the OT and NT perspective. With the proper motive of love for God, the tithe acts as a benchmark or a guide for our giving. Tithing helps us to develop a spiritual discipline of giving the first part of our income regularly. As we respond to God’s love for us by giving Him our first and best through our tithing, He reacts by giving us even more.</p> | <p>Eleven devotions for individuals with additional thoughts on tithing at the end.</p>   |

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| Giving & Tithing/<br>Service and Bible<br>Studies for small<br>groups | 31       | <b><u>The Blessing of Tithing</u></b><br>Sunday Stewardship Program<br>with additional Small Group<br>Bible Studies | Ronald J. & Phyllis J.<br>Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | For God's people, giving is not an option. This Bible study will help us understand the blessings that come from tithing and that the tithe is a meaningful Biblical guide for our giving. With the tithe as a benchmark, our faithful giving will support God's work here on earth. In addition, we as givers are blessed and God is honored.   | Extensive three-week program to be used by pastor and worship team extending into small groups Bible studies.                           |
| Giving Biblically/<br>General membership                              | 32       | <b><u>Giving 101</u></b><br>Bible Studies on <i>Christian Giving</i>  | Ronald J. & Phyllis J.<br>Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | Designed to help educate Christians about their need, as God's children, to give and to encourage them to grow in their giving. Throughout the studies, we are reminded that we give because God has first given to us. He gave us His best gift: His son. We respond through faith out of gratitude for all that God has done and continues to do for us. To better understand and to grow in our giving, we need to abide in Jesus by spending time reading and studying His Word. | These six studies are designed for those who may have little knowledge of Scripture as well as for those who are students of the Bible. |
| Giving/<br>Individual or Small<br>group use                           | 33       | <b><u>Excel in the Grace of Giving</u></b><br>Bible Study   | Ronald J. Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>                 | Giving is an outward expression of the inner condition of love in our hearts. When we cheerfully and generously give our first and best, we reveal hearts filled with love and commitment. Love motivates us to be givers rather than takers. Giving puts our love into action. Three topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Why Christians Give</li> <li>❖ Outrageous Giving</li> <li>❖ Giving Principles</li> </ul>  | Book can be used in a small group or personal reading.  |

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| Giving/<br>Sunday service use                     | 34       | <b><u>Excel in the Grace of Giving</u></b><br>Sunday Stewardship Emphasis   | Ronald J. Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a>                 | God's Word gives us direction on how we are to give. As stewardship leaders, we are given the task of educating the members of our churches regarding what God's Word says about the stewardship of giving and the blessings we receive through giving. This stewardship emphasis is a tool to use to raise the awareness of people regarding their giving.  | For use by pastors and worship team.<br>A three-Sunday stewardship emphasis program available that contains sermon suggestions, newsletter articles, bulletin messages, letters, etc. |
| Perseverance in<br>Christian Walk/<br>Small group | 35       | <b><u>Run the Race</u></b><br>Bible Study   | Ronald J. & Phyllis J.<br>Chewning<br>Stewardship<br>Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile<br>Road<br>Birmingham, MI<br>48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | Our words testify to the Gospel of God's grace, and so do our lives. That's why we are also involved in the race of holy living. In this race, we put aside the hindrances of sin and self-interest that would keep us from a close relationship with our Savior and that would give ammunition to those who wish to disparage the Christian faith. Competing in this race requires strict discipline and a focus on the goal. Scripture urges us to keep our eyes on "Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2)<br>Like the faith heroes of old, we run the race for those who will follow not in our own strength, but by faith imparted to us by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament. |   |
| Spiritual Gifts/<br>General membership            | 36       | <b><u>The 3 Colors of Ministry</u></b><br>Book – with assessment charts<br><br>Note back of book (p156-7) for other Discipleship Resources using the three-color Christian theme. | Christian A. Schwarz<br>NCD Discipleship<br>Resources<br>ChurchSmart<br>Resources<br>3830 Ohio Ave.<br>St. Charles, IL 60174<br>1-800-253-4276<br>E-mail:<br>Churchsmart@<br>compuserve.com                           | Holistic approach to identifying and developing your spiritual gifts. It is based on the three dimension of God's nature, for which the author has chosen the colors green, red, and blue. In addition to emphasizing the critical importance of using your gifts in an authentically Trinitarian way, this book shows you where you most need to focus your energies in order to bring this kind of balance to your Christian service. The natural result will be increased effectiveness.  | Can be used by individuals or with a group. There are also supplemental resources for eight characteristics of Natural Church Development   |

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| Spiritual Growth/<br>Individuals, groups,<br>classes, or leadership<br>teams.                      | 37       | <u><b>The Best is Yet to Come</b></u><br>7 Doors of Spiritual Growth | John H. Kieschnick<br>Order from:<br>The Best is Yet to<br>Come<br>Gloria Dei<br>Lutheran Church<br>18220 Upper Bay<br>Road<br>Houston, TX 77058 | Jesus is standing behind the door of each of the seven disciplines of the Christian faith: witness, worship, connections with other believers, prayer, Bible study, service, and giving. He is calling us to respond to his invitation to experience the best life has to offer. We come with open hearts and open hands, expecting to enjoy his great grace. Each of the disciplines of the faith, he assures us, is a door of opportunity and challenge. When we are gripped with the incredible grace of God, we'll experience more love and life than we ever dreamed possible. | Gifted teacher shares the life-changing truth found in Scripture.   |
| Spirituality in the<br>Lutheran setting/<br>Church leaders   | 38       | <u><b>The Spirituality of the Cross</b></u><br>Book - Copyright 1999 | Gene Edward Veith,<br>Jr.<br>Concordia Publishing<br>House<br>3558 S. Jefferson<br>Ave.<br>St. Louis, MO 63118                                   | This book is an introduction to the Lutheran spiritual tradition. This is a faith particularly centered in the cross of Jesus, Christ, one that offers a framework for embracing, in an honest and comprehensive way, the whole range of the spiritual life, and whose insights have a profound resonance in ordinary, everyday life. Lutheran theology speaks of two kingdoms, that God rules both the spiritual and the earthly realm, though in different ways.  | It's about what God does. The person who has been justified by faith is motivated by love, not by the rules and regulations of the Law. The good works that follow are done for other people. Out of love for God, we serve others. |
| Stewardship – Biblical<br>Principles/<br>General membership<br>for use in small or<br>large groups | 39       | <u><b>In Heaven's Name, Why on Earth</b></u><br>Bible Study          | H. N. Wendt<br>Crossways<br>International<br>7930 Computer Ave.<br>S.<br>Minneapolis, MN<br>55435-5415<br>612-832-5454<br>Fax 612-832-5553       | Questions concerning the amount we should give God are irrelevant. We can't give God anything. He created and owns everything. As you'll discover in this study, this affects not just the collection plate, but our lives! You'll find out what it means to be a responsible manager of God's created order.   | Ideal for individual or group discussion. There are additional helpful resources suggested in this volume.  |

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| Stewardship/Teens                             | 40       | <u><b>Stewardship Studies for Teens</b></u><br>plus<br><u><b>Becoming a Money-Wise Teen</b></u><br>Bible Studies | Ronald J. & Phyllis J. Churning<br>Stewardship Advisors<br>2225 E. 14 Mile Road<br>Birmingham, MI 48009<br>1-888-783-2790<br><a href="http://www.stewardshipadvisors.org">www.stewardshipadvisors.org</a> | These studies help teens understand that who you are and what you have is a gift. God is the ultimate source. He showed His tremendous love for us when He sent His Son to die on the cross for us. Because God freely gives His gifts, you are His steward. God calls you to live for His purpose. As a steward, you are responsible to God for what you do with what God entrust to you. A faithful steward lives to please God and give Him glory. Faithful stewards daily seek God's strength so they can please Him in what they do at school, home, church, neighborhood, or wherever they are. | 19 studies to encourage teens in finding that joy is a result of being faithful stewards |
| Witnessing as part of Daily Walk/<br>All Ages | 41       | <u><b>Becoming a Contagious Christian</b></u><br>Communicating Your Faith in a Style that Fits You               | Mark Mittelberg, Lee Strobel, Bill Hybels<br>Zondervan Publishing House<br>Grand Rapids, Michigan 49530   | The sessions show ordinary believers how they can share the Gospel in a natural and powerful way while being the person God made them to be. Each session's exercises, discussions, self-assessments, and video vignettes give step-by-step guidance to help participants become effective communicators for Christ to those around them.   | Can be adapted for use in small groups or in larger groups.                              |