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## *STEWARDSHIP GOAL SETTING & PLANNING*

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### **SETTING THE STAGE**

These are the ministries at \_\_\_\_\_ Church that my family and I particularly enjoy:

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My hopes and prayers for the future of \_\_\_\_\_ Church include

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My family and I give regularly to \_\_\_\_\_ Church because

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One way I have seen God working in my own life lately is:

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# STEWARDSHIP RETREAT 2018

## PUTTING IT INTO ACTION

*“The stewardship question is not really how much will we give? The stewardship question is how we spend what we have been given.”*

Ann Weems

1. A program of church finance should be focused on the soul and not on the purse.  
*Christian stewardship at all points is primarily a matter of aligning the heart with Christ. It is a part of the church's call to full Christian commitment.*
2. A program of church finance should be focused on what the Lord wants and not on what the church needs.  
*Do not be concerned with the church budget! What matters is God's share of your income. It is not helpful to say... “We want you to be a percentage giver so the church will prosper.” Or “If everyone will increase their giving 5% then we will meet our budget.”*
3. A program of church finance should be projected over a long period and is not limited to the requirements of a yearly budget.  
*This is not an emergency fund drive or campaign. It avoids crash tactics and is a continuing process of repetition that replaces emergency appeals. It may take 20 years to reach the goal.*
4. A program of church finance moves away from demands for set amounts to calls for “growth in grace.”  
*A church member becomes a follower of Christ in that moment when he/she makes a first commitment, but to become a full follower may take a full lifetime.*

(Selected ideas from Charlie Shedd, HOW TO DEVELOP A TITHING CHURCH)

What are you struggling with in your church?

Setting priorities?

Pastoring issues?

Effective programming?

Personnel shortages/issues?

Congregational participation?

Clearly designed and understood procedures?

Handling property appropriately?