

The Importance Of Christian Stewardship

Much of finance is shrouded in a web of complicated theories, mathematics, and jargon. In equal measure, much of Christian financial theology is cloaked in inaccessible abstraction. Yet, the Christian needs both to navigate the financial complexities of life. The Financial Machine presents one integrated system, built upon the firm foundation of God 's Word, that will guide you in stewarding your finances. It will: Challenge misguided beliefs that shackle you to financial mediocrity; Reveal two fundamental principles that will transform the way you handle money; Present a simple set of blueprints you can follow in constructing your financial machine; Show you a stable and efficient path to financial freedom. You can also visit the financial-machine.com for more information.

Stewardship isn't just managing resources--it's soul care. Stewardship of time, talents, and treasure isn't just about sustaining the material of the church. It's about guiding those resources in service of the church's primary mission: proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Stewarding the lambs of Christ that make up your congregation encompasses all aspects of their lives--material and spiritual. Nathan Meador and Heath R. Curtis present a practical theology of stewardship focused on ministry in service of the gospel. Guiding pastors away from the pitfalls of idolatry around money, they instead call stewards to embrace their identity in Christ and encourage their congregations to do the same. This fresh approach to stewardship reorients both individuals and congregations toward their true purpose as stewards who have been baptized into Christ. Stewardship will help pastors to teach and preach stewardship as a call to repentance and new life.

Best-selling author Andrew Wommack shares his personal story of when he was young and strapped financially. God taught him how to have abundance in the area of finances. Andrew discusses the influence of money in our lives and how it is very real. He teaches that Jesus taught more about managing resources than He did on prayer or even faith. He exposes the manipulation that sometimes goes on with Christian ministers and how you can be immune from it. Andrew Wommack's message is clear that even though there are abuses in the body of Christ regarding money, that you can still benefit from the truths in God s Word about finances. He believes that by fixing your heart that you deal with the root cause of financial situations and then money will take care of itself. Once your heart is right, using wisdom in how you spend your money comes naturally.

People don 't give to church because we don 't offer them a compelling vision of the good their giving will achieve. Hearing a young attorney speak of the faithbased reasons for which he had just made a substantial monetary gift to a community youth center, Cliff Christopher asked the speaker if he would consider making a similar contribution to the congregation of which he was an active member. " Lord, no they would not know what to do with it " was the answer. That, in a nutshell, describes the problem churches are facing in their stewardship efforts, says Christopher. Unlike leading nonprofit agencies and institutions, we too often fail to convince potential givers that their gifts will have impact and significance. In this book, Christopher lays out the main reasons for this failure to capture the imagination of potential givers, including our frequent failure simply to ask. Written with the needs of pastors and stewardship teams in mind, Not Your Parents ' Offering Plate provides immediate, practical guidance to all who seek to help God ' s people be better stewards of their resources.

Rethink Communication

And the Care of Souls

What Scripture Says About the Environment and Why It Matters

Monday Morning Success

Discipleship Defined

The Epistle to the Hebrews

A New Vision for Financial Stewardship

Amy Sherman unpacks Proverbs 11:10--"When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices"--to develop a theology and program of vocational stewardship. Here is practical help for churches, ministries and other faith communities to navigate the complex process of following Jesus in those places where we happen to prosper.

"I'm excited about Faith Driven Entrepreneur. Anyone who is following the example of their creator God can find echoes of their work in this book." --Lecrae Entrepreneurship can be a lonely journey. But it doesn't need to be. God has a purpose and a plan for all those entrepreneurial dreams and creative gifts he gave you. The work you do today--the company you've built, the employees you work with, the customers you serve, the shareholders you report to, all of it--serves as an active part of what God wants to accomplish on earth. You are not alone in this journey. Join other faith-driven entrepreneurs as, together, we identify the values, habits, and traits that empower us to successfully build businesses, serve our communities, and faithfully pursue a loving relationship with God; read stories that exemplify how those values, habits, and traits unfold in everyday life; and discover the potential God wants to unleash through our work. Each book purchase includes access to the eight-session Faith Driven Entrepreneur video series, a discussion guide to encourage conversation among peers, and an invitation to join a Faith Driven Entrepreneur Group to meet other like-minded entrepreneurs.

John Taylor's most famous book is a reminder that the Holy Spirit urges us toward a communal humanity. Taylor's is a message especially pertinent in an age of crushing multinational capitalism and a rising tide of individual greed and fear of the Other. Based on his Cadbury lectures delivered in 1967, The Go-Between God is now considered one of the most important works ever written on the Holy Spirit and mission. This edition contains a new foreword by Jonny Baker.

"The 33 Laws of Stewardship is an exceedingly practical book. Every chapter is incisive and insightful, zeroing in on a specific principle and bringing it to life. These dynamic pages provide perspectives that are certain to benefit any person who seeks truth and pursues excellence. Although each law is distinctive, all 33 are relevant to one another. The book's rich combination of biblical examples, poignant illustrations and memorable prose creates a powerful package." -- Back cover

Called to Give

Kingdom Calling

Treasures for Parenting from Jesus

Towards a Theology of Stewardship, Tithes and Offerings

I'm in Charge of What?

Principles for a Life of True Fulfillment

Not Your Parents' Offering Plate

In this book, Craig Blomberg addresses the tough questions about the place and purpose of wealth and material possessions in a Christian's life. He points to the goodness of wealth, as God originally designed it, but also surveys the Bible's many warnings against making an idol out of money. So are material possessions a blessing for which we should long? And what are the dangers that the use or abuse of material possessions can produce? Blomberg expounds upon how the sharing of goods and possessions is the key safeguard against both greed and covetousness. He expands on the concept of giving generously, even sacrificially, to those who are needier, demonstrating how Christians can participate in God's original good design for abundance and demonstrate the world-altering gospel of Christ. Is there any one key to keeping possessions in their proper, God-intended perspective? Are there limits on how rich we should become or on how poor we should allow others to get? What does a truly Christian economic system look like? How does the Bible's teaching on wealth fit into the gospel? God cares a great deal more about our money than most of us imagine. The sheer enormity of Scripture's teaching on this subject screams for our attention. In fact, Jesus says more about how we are to view and handle money and possessions than about any other topic—including both heaven and hell. In Managing God's Money, Randy Alcorn breaks down exactly what the Bible has to say about how we are to handle our money and possessions in a simple, easy-to-follow format. Filled with Scripture references, Managing God's Money is the perfect reference tool for anyone who is interested in gaining a solid biblical understanding of money, possessions, and eternity.

Sandra L. Richter cares about the Bible and the environment. Using her expertise in ancient Israelite society as well as in biblical theology, she walks readers through biblical passages and shares case studies that connect the biblical mandate to current issues. She then calls Christians to apply that message to today's environmental concerns. "I read Phil's book, Rethink Communication, and it's excellent. I picked up several nuggets of wisdom for myself, and highly recommend it to anyone looking for practical ways to improve their communication."--John Maxwell The church doesn't have a message problem. The church is facing a message delivery problem. The old communication playbook no longer works. What worked before isn't working anymore. It's time to rethink communication and leverage the greatest opportunities we've ever had to communicate in the church. In Rethink Communication, Phil Bowdle walks through the new reality for what attendance, engagement, and attention look like for the church. Then he offers a practical communication playbook you can use to communicate anything in your church-and actually connect. These practical tips and proven strategies will work regardless of size, staff, or budget. Communication has been overlooked for far too long in the church. It's time for that to change. It's time to rethink communication for the church.

The Kingdom and the Cross

A Playbook to Clarify and Communicate Everything in Your Church

Saving God's Green Earth

Stewardship and the Christian Faith

New Approaches to Creation Care

Faith Driven Entrepreneur

Who wants to settle for fleeting treasures on earth . . . when God offers everlasting treasures in heaven? Its time to rethink our perspectives on money and possessions. In this thoroughly researched classic, Randy Alcorn shows us how to view these things accuratelyas Gods provision for our good, the good of others, and his glory. Alcorn presents a biblical and comprehensive view of money and possessions, including the following: Why is money so important to God? Is prosperity theology right or wrong? How can we be liberated from materialism? What should we do about debt? How much does God want us to give? How can we best help the poor and reach the lost? What about gambling? Investing? Insurance? Saving? Retirement? Inheritance? How can we leave our children a true heritage? How can we use money in ways that God rewards? This practical and refreshing theology of money contains topical and Scripture indexes, a study guide, and five helpful appendices.

A Study Guide and a Teacher's Manual Gospel Principles was written both as a personal study guide and as a teacher's manual. As you study it, seeking the Spirit of the Lord, you can grow in your understanding and testimony of God the Father, Jesus Christand His Atonement, and the Restoration of the gospel. You can find answers to life's questions, gain an assurance of your purpose and self-worth, and face personal and family challenges with faith.

A fair and honest debate about religious responses to environmental issues should always distinguish theological principles from prudential judgments. The Cornwall Declaration and the accompanying essays in this volume were written to do just that. They were not written to provide theological rationale for current environmentalist fashion. Rather, they seek to articulate the broad Judeo-Christian theological principles concerning the environment, and to distinguish those principles from contrary ideas popular in the environmental movement.

In six short chapters, James Bryan Smith zooms in on what Christ's work on the cross means about who God is and how we're to live as his people. A soul-training exercise included with each chapter and a discussion guide at the end makes this complement to The Apprentice Series perfect for groups. An Apprentice and Renovaré Resource.

40 Days to Get Back to You

The Fear of Beggars

Christians in an Age of Wealth

Radically Pursuing Each Other in Light of Christ's Relentless Love

Christian Stewardship Series

New Edition

Fierce Marriage

The Life Principles Study Guides are perfect companions to Dr. Stanley's Life Principles Bible or for use on their own. They are a unique approach to Bible study, incorporating biblical truth, personal insights, emotional responses, and a call to action. Each study guide contains 10 Bible study lessons consisting of in-depth commentary by Dr. Charles Stanley, pertinent Scripture passages on the topic, and thought-provoking questions to facilitate group study. It will help you get in touch with the Bible, God, and yourself. What is the biblical meaning of success? In "Monday Morning Success: How Biblical Stewardship Transforms Your Work," IFWE executive director Hugh Wheelchel sheds light on the Parable of the Talents and its powerful implication for our work as believers. The topic is one of the most requested talks Hugh gives around the country, particularly to those working in the business arena. A ten page article and questions for small group discussion and reflection are included in the download.

In this study, Charles Stanley focuses on the principles of stewardship and how they specifically apply to financial resources. Discussing money and faith, the role of work, deliverance from debt, and unlocking prosperity, Dr. Stanley articulates sound biblical principles to bring believers into God's will for managing money and discovering true prosperity. – Back cover.

Church leaders understand that managing the day-to-day operations of a church can be challenging because of limited resources, managing volunteer labor, and supporting the needs of the congregation. Smart Church Management: A Quality Approach to Church Administration, Third Edition is an updated guide for managing the resources of a church – which is people, time and money. This book provides tools and examples for decision making and problem-solving for church administration that is easy to understand and more importantly, quick to implement! This book also includes discussion questions to provoke thought and discussion for church teams. This book is ideal for ministry students, church boards, church leadership and church administrators.

A Biblical Guide

Financial Stewardship

A Biblical Theology of Stewardship

Gospel Principles

Laudato Si'

Personal Disciples

Personal Finance from a Christian Perspective

DON'T read this book if you want to remain comfortable! Eric challenges us to consider what Biblical discipleship looks like based on what Jesus did. Eric writes this book with the integrity of a man who is not merely theorizing about the way things ought to be, rather he is describing what is actually happening as he builds Biblical disciples in the context of the inner city. This book is soundly Biblical, challenging and practical. This book is about building disciples not programs. Roger Hershhey, Campus Crusade For Christ It is a joy to highly commend to all Discipleship Defined, for it is exactly the prescription that is needed for the Church to regain much of our lost effectiveness. "Discipleship Defined has carefully described, yet without programming it into a rigid system, how to go about this challenging task. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., President EmeritusGordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Eric Russ gives us some very straight forward thinking about discipleship, a topic widely misunderstood and undervalued. Moving away from piety-driven discipleship, Russ points us toward a holistic, Christ-centered way of following Jesus. Jonathan Dodson, Lead Pastor Austin City Life, Austin, TX. Eric has a healthy obsession about strong discipleship, and it shows in a gracious way in this guidebook for muscular commitment. Can you be obsessed and still have a gracious spirit? Eric does, and so does this book! Knute Larson, Senior Pastor The Chapel, Akron, OH (1983-2009)Eric Russ is lead pastor of Mack Avenue Community Church in Detroit, Michigan. He is married to Sara and has four children.For more information visitwww.discipleshipdefined.com orwww.mackave.com.

Laudato Si 's Pope Francis' second encyclical which focuses on the theme of the environment. In fact, the Holy Father in his encyclical urges all men and women of good will, the rulers and all the powerful on earth to reflect deeply on the theme of the environment and the care of our planet. This is our common home, we must take care of it and love it - the Holy Father tells us - because its end is also ours.

Ryan and Selena Frederick were newlyweds when they landed in Switzerland to pursue Selena's dream of training horses. Neither of them knew at the time that Ryan was living out a death sentence brought on by a worsening genetic heart defect. Soon it became clear he needed major surgery that could either save his life—or result in his death on the operating table. The young couple prepared for the worst. When Ryan survived, they both realized that they still had a future together. But the near loss changed the way they saw all that would lie ahead. They would live and love fiercely, fighting for each other and for a Christ-centered marriage, every step of the way. Fierce Marriage is their story, but more than that, it is a call for married couples to put God first in their relationship, to measure everything they do and say to each other against what Christ did for them, and to see marriage not just as a relationship they should try to keep healthy but also as one worth fighting for in every situation. With the gospel as their foundation, Ryan and Selena offer hope and practical help for common struggles in marriage, including communication problems, sexual frustration, financial stress, family tension, screen-time disconnection, and unrealistic expectations.

Beyond Stewardship is intended to equip Christians to live better in this world by helping us all think more intentionally about the relationship we have with the nonhuman creation in which we are necessarily and thoroughly embedded. It responds to these questions: "What if God didn't place humans on earth to be stewards of creation, but something else?" and "If not stewards, then what?" The chapters in Beyond Stewardship are written by scholars from diverse disciplines who share a deep passion for a flourishing creation. Each chapter begins with a compelling story that draws the reader into new ways of thinking. Each author then looks beyond stewardship from the context of her or his own discipline and experiences. Some reimagine creation care by expanding on the traditional notion of stewardship. Others set aside the stewardship model and offer alternative ways to understand our presence within the broader creation. The chapters mark out ways to live better in the places we inhabit as individuals, communities, and institutions. Collectively, the essays in Beyond Stewardship offer an expanded and enlivened understanding of the place of humans in the context of God's creation.

How Biblical Stewardship Transforms Your Work

Parenting in Christ

Environmental Stewardship in the Judeo-Christian Tradition

Managing God's Money

What It Takes to Step Into Your Purpose and Pursue Your God-Given Call to Create

Hand Me Another Brick

Beyond Stewardship

Drawn from a rich heritage, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life will guide you through a carefully selected array of disciplines. By illustrating why the disciplines are important, showing how each one will help you grow in godliness, and offering practical suggestions for cultivating them, Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life will provide you with a refreshing opportunity to become more like Christ and grow in character and maturity. Now updated and revised to equip a new generation of readers, this anniversary edition features in-depth discussions on each of the key disciplines. Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get: we make a life by what we give." Christians, and evangelicals in particular, make up the most generous philanthropic sectors in this country. Yet, few Christians actually practice true tithing, which amounts to giving away ten percent of one's income. Why is that? Isn't giving foundational to many of Jesus' teachings? This book addresses the principles of Christian stewardship and its importance to the faith community, examines giving statistics, looks at hindrances to giving, and explores ways in which churches and faith-based organizations can bolster philanthropic support.

In Kingdom Stewardship, Dr. Tony Evans inspires you to broaden your perspective of Christian stewardship. In this encouraging and challenging book, you will learn that stewardship includes how you manage all that God has given you—your time, your talents, and your treasures—to advance God's kingdom and bring Him glory. While many stewardship books focus on managing financial resources, Tony Evans says that your finances are one small part of a much bigger calling. He teaches that God owns all things, and you are the manager of His assets. When you bring your entire life into alignment under God, you will be blessed with purpose and the abundant life that comes from living by God's eternal principles.

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Stewardship

The Go-Between God

Stewardship Roots

Your Guide to Parish Stewardship

The Financial Machine

Stewardship and Poverty in Christian Ethics

Do others look to you for leadership? Do you face a major task or shoulder heavy responsibilities? Do you want to take your leadership skills to a higher level? When Nehemiah confronted the task of rebuilding Jerusalem's wall, he was heartbroken by the damage he saw and nearly overwhelmed by the task that lay before him. Yet through the application of timeless leadership principles, Nehemiah completed this nearly impossible project, and laid a pattern for success which is just as valid for us today. Charles Swindoll brings his sensible and straightforward style to offer a deeply spiritual approach to the role of leader. Whatever the context, secular or ministerial, he demonstrates how to size up a task, organize and motivate a team, and respond to inevitable obstacles such as these: Unforeseen setbacks

Unrelenting deadlines Criticism and outside resistance Personality conflicts Financial pressures and temptations The insights that Swindoll draws from Nehemiah's wise administration will change your approach to leadership forever.

F.F. Bruce's study on the Epistle to the Hebrews is a contribution to The New International Commentary on the New Testament. Prepared by some of the world's leading scholars, the series provides an exposition of the New Testament books that is thorough and fully abreast of modern scholarship yet faithful to the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God.

Have you lost your identity in the busyness of life? In her latest book, Living True: 40 Days to Get Back to You, #1 bestselling author Christy Wright guides women on a 40-day journey back to who they were created to be. As an in-demand speaker, Christy connects with and challenges thousands of women every year in the areas of faith, personal development and business. Between endless errands and an overwhelming schedule, it's easy for women to feel like they've lost themselves in the busyness of life. She's heard hundreds of women say, "I'm pulled in so many directions by so many people. I don't know who I am anymore." In Living True, Christy walks readers through four sections that will help them discover: Who God Is – 10 Attributes of God Who You Are – 10 Things God Says About You Where You Are – 10 Seasons of Life Where You Are Going – 10 Reasons to Be Hopeful After reading Living True, readers will find grace in their current season and confidence to step into who they were created to be.

First in a series, followed by "Parenting in Christ: Lessons from the Parables" http://a.co/bq7CqkP. This book narrows in on the character and teaching of Jesus - this guide encourages parents and care-givers, helping silence their inner critics, and calming their parenting anxieties. This discussion guide does not emphasize rules and formulas, but resting in the way of Christ. It challenges parents to grow in the character and heart of Jesus, and to disciple their children in the same way. Divided into short lessons to fit a busy parent's schedule, this guide can be used in group discussion or as a devotional. Topics include humility, gratitude, authority, obedience, integrity, mission, repentance, gentleness, righteousness, and parenting in the Spirit. Most of the Bible passages are already

printed within the text for the convenience of the reader. Stewards of Eden

Money and the Gospel

Experience the Freedom of Turning Your Finances Over to God

Money, Possessions, and Eternity

Living True

Smart Church Management: A Quality Approach to Church Administraton

Counsels on Stewardship

Have you ever enjoyed the splash of color as leaves display their splendor in the fall? Have you ever sat on the beach listening to the rhythm of the waves and feeling the soft, salty breeze on your face? Have you looked at the expanse of the stars twinkling in the night sky and felt the peace of their soft glow? Did you know each creation had the purpose of bringing you joy? Maybe when the grass needed mowing, you thought about the work involved instead of the beauty in a blade of grass, or when you feel the time crunch, you forget that time is a gift. As a Christian, you carry many titles. One of those titles is steward, and the job of a steward is to practice stewardship. The best way to understand stewardship is to go back to the beginning - the very beginning in the first words in the Bible that spell it out clearly. "In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth." God took a look at everything he created and called it good. Then He took His magnificent, beautiful creation and gave it to mankind giving them dominion over all the earth. Creation was given to people to give Him glory and so mankind could multiply what God had given. It was also given for enjoyment, both yours and His! Understanding stewardship begins with the realization that everything is from God, for God, and belongs to God. Everything is God's. Then the Lord does the amazing thing of entrusting creation to you, the one made in His image. God trusts you to be a steward over His gift to you. This book presents the importance of Christian stewardship, what stewardship means, and how to practice stewardship over the things God has entrusted into your care. I'm in Charge of What? Walking in Stewardship is the ninth book in the ten-book series, Walking With Jesus. Book 1 - There Must Be a Better Way: Walking in Salvation Book 2 - Lord, I Need Help! Walking with the Holy Spirit Book 3 - I Thought I Was Changed: Walking in Transformation Book 4 - I Am Supernatural: Walking in Spiritual Gifts Book 5 - I Am Strong: Walking as a Warrior Book 6 - I Am Fruitful: Walking in the Fruit of the Spirit Book 7 - Love Letters from God: Walking in the Word Book 8 - Time in the Garden: Walking in the Power of Prayer Book 9 - I'm in Charge of What? Walking in Stewardship Book 10 - The End of - Well, Pretty Much Everything: Walking into Eternity

Why, asks Kelly Johnson, does Christian ethics so rarely tackle the real-life question of whether to give to beggars? Examining both classical economics and Christian stewardship ethics as reactions to medieval debates about the role of mendicants in the church and in wider society, Johnson reveals modern anxiety about dependence and humility as well as the importance of Christian attempts to rethink property relations in ways that integrate those qualities. She studies the rhetoric and thought of Christian thinkers, beggar saints, and economists from throughout history, placing greatest emphasis on the life and work of Peter Maurin, a cofounder of the Catholic Worker movement. Challenging and thought-provoking, The Fear of Beggars will move Christian economic ethics into a richer, more involved discussion.

The aim of my work is to supply a manifesto for the Christian pastor, missionary, or teacher seeking to disciple other Christian workers desiring to serve the Lord more effectively. Knowing the time needed to prepare effective lessons, this work is to expedite their study time. I am not their teacher; they have the Holy Spirit for that purpose. I have grouped related Scripture in related subjects for a more complete study in relation to the text used. I have used this series over the past twenty-five years and have witnessed the effectiveness in the unity it provides in solving the difficulties encountered in most Christian assemblies. God's Word will always work when properly applied. Romans 10:17: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

This book will help you think through a Christian perspective on financial planning

A Theology for Christian Stewardship

Jewish, Catholic and Protestant Wisdom on the Environment

Understanding Financial Stewardship

The 33 Laws of Stewardship

Financial Planning for the Glory of God

Vocational Stewardship for the Common Good

Kingdom Stewardship

"Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives." This simple yet compelling statement from Stewardship: A Disciple's Response captures the importance of forming people to grow as good and faithful stewards. Grateful Disciples is a unique and comprehensive guide for stewardship leaders. The Grateful Disciples guide is only part of the story. The Grateful Disciples website equips leaders with all they need to establish and sustain stewardship in the parish.

On the care of the common home