

## RESOURCES: The Generosity Project

*for a Congregation's Cross+Generational Approach to Stewardship*

*and Equipping Households as Centers for the Faith Practice of Generosity*

**An Asset Builder's Guide to Youth and Money**, Search Institute

[https://www.searchinstitutestore.org/product\\_p/0170-w.htm](https://www.searchinstitutestore.org/product_p/0170-w.htm)

A guide for congregations interested in a positive approach to youth and managing money. Assist teen consumers to make responsible money decisions, as well as background on finance topics and how to approach these topics with adolescents. \$12.95 This is also a workshop a community can host: <http://www.search-institute.org/training-speaking/youth-money-and-assets-positive-approach-spending-saving-and-giving>

**Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty and Delight**, Select Learning

[http://www.selectlearning.org/store/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=115&products\\_id=566](http://www.selectlearning.org/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=115&products_id=566)

The overarching theme of this course is, "This is good news!" The biblical message of financial stewardship is promising and encouraging; not (usually) guilt-inducing; a way of life for many of us and it just may be the way to a better life. This course features seven 20-minute video sessions on DVD, a comprehensive study guide and participant handouts. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. \$49.95

**Extravagant Generosity—the Heart of Giving**, Abingdon Press

<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=940973>

Although this is a four-week "campaign" these are valuable resources, especially the book of devotions, *Practicing Extravagant Generosity*. It leads people through the Scriptures encouraging them to understand financial discipleship in terms of their own personal faith practice. \$55.22 Curriculum. \$6.30 Devotion Book

**Faith Ink Stewardship**, Faith Inkubators <http://www.faithink.com/Inkubators/stewardship.asp>

This is an intergenerational resource that provides an opportunity for all ages to grow as good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures. This is a holistic approach to Stewardship in the congregation that includes four to six weeks of materials for learning and worship with a home connection. Included in the CD Rom are Images & Analogies™: PowerPoint® Presentations: Skits, Bible Verse Songs, FAITH5 Devotions and Bookmarks, Leader's Toolbox. \$150 (discounts possible)

**Growing a Grateful, Generous Heart Leader Guide and Family Resource**, Morehouse  
<http://www.cokesbury.com/forms/ProductDetail.aspx?pid=747604>

Growing a Grateful, Generous Heart is a program to help the entire family - and your church - grow in the understanding and practice of stewardship and to live with grateful, generous hearts. The Leader Guide includes four sessions. Each session leads children (and their families) from an exploration of God's love, through a celebration of God's gifts, to the challenge of grateful, generous living.

**Kids and Money Milestone**, Milestones Ministries, <http://milestonesministry.org/>

This 32 page Milestones Module is intended for first and second graders and recognizes children and adults as stewards of what God had given to them. This topic is experienced through a worship litany, cross-generational events and Four Key activities for the home. \$ Small Fee. Downloadable.

**Living Well: Christian Practices for Everyday Life**, Lifelong Faith  
<http://www.lifelongfaith.com/living-well-books.html>

Chapter 8: Managing Household Life "How we spend our money says a lot about what we value in life . . . We believe God is the creator so God owns everything . . . We are called to manage our money to serve God, our household and the needs of others in the world. A \$ Fee.

**Make It Simple**, ELCA (Check your own denomination for resources!)  
[http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/Stewardship?\\_ga=1.98709405.2067486565434499000.1240539383](http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/Stewardship?_ga=1.98709405.2067486565434499000.1240539383)

An amazingly comprehensive congregational stewardship resource to assist you in your education about simplicity and generosity. Includes resources for worship, sermons, families, at-home, kids activities, all congregational gatherings, DVD's, Free downloads and much more..

**Money Sanity Solutions**, Nathan Dungan <http://www.sharesavespend.com/>

A guide to help your family build healthy money habits, as silence is not an effective teacher. Designed to bring families together to build new skills, counteract hyper-consumerism and equip the next generation for a lifetime of financial stewardship. Includes DVD \$34.99

**The Opposite of Spoiled**, Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money, Ron Lieber. Harper Collins. New York, NY. 2015.

**Parents, Kids and Money Matters & Parents, Teens and Money Matters** –Thrivent  
<https://www.thrivent.com/moneymatters/index.html>

These award winning curriculums and workshops are available by contacting a local Thrivent Financial Representative. They will partner with your congregation to offer one-hour workshops

for Kids (ages 6-10) and Parents and Teens and Parents to learn and talk about values and healthy stewardship practices in the home. The Blue Pig (kids) and a Cash Cache Handbook (teens) are gifts for participants in the workshop. Free.

**Stewardship for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century-** Luther Seminary

[www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource\\_detail.aspx?resource\\_id=1315](http://www.luthersem.edu/stewardship/resource_detail.aspx?resource_id=1315)

This is a vast, comprehensive center with print, web and video resources to support Stewardship in your congregation and homes. Check out the three intergenerational lessons on generosity. Each lesson is for a 50-60 minute time period. Each session is created for mixed age groups containing adults, children and youth. Download Free.

Lessons: [Calculating the Cost](#) [Being a Cheerful Giver](#) [Pennies For God](#)

## RELEVANT ARTICLES & RESEARCH

**Advertising and Kids:** <http://domain.me/kids-and-advertising/>

**The Developmental Stages of Generosity**

<http://www.uua.org/finance/fundraising/generosity/adults/185452.shtml>

There is much to be learned from the theories of human moral, social-emotional and faith development when it comes to understanding one's capacity for generous behavior. In particular, there are parallels found between James Fowler's Stages of Faith and the development of generosity.

**Give Like Bill & Melinda Gates,** USA Weekend

<http://www.usaweekend.com/article/20110722/LIVING03/307220007/How-every-American-can-give-An-exclusive-interview-Bill-Melinda-Gates>

What motivates them to help others? Their parents! And they have made a conscious effort to engage their children in volunteerism and generosity.

**GENERATION G** <http://trendwatching.com/trends/generationg/>

GENERATION G captures the growing importance of 'generosity' as a leading societal and business mindset. As consumers are disgusted with greed and its current dire consequences for the economy—the need for more generosity beautifully coincides with the ongoing (and pre-recession) emergence of an online-fueled culture of individuals who share, give, engage, create and collaborate in large numbers. In fact, for many, sharing a passion and receiving recognition have replaced 'taking' as the new status symbol.

## **Generosity of Spirit through Myths and Folktales**

<http://learningtogive.org/resources/folktales/plans.asp>

A cross-cultural, inter-faith approach to Generosity that explores the origins of tales from around the world and connects the themes of giving and philanthropy.

**Science of Generosity** <http://generosityresearch.nd.edu/>

Research at University of Notre Dame. The Science of Generosity initiative aims to bring together diverse approaches in order to create a field for the study of generosity in all its forms. To that end, it supports, conducts and shares scientific research on the sources, manifestations, and consequences of generosity.

## **Piggy Bank – Make Your Own**



[http://www.freekidscrafts.com/milk\\_jug\\_piggy\\_bank-e599.html](http://www.freekidscrafts.com/milk_jug_piggy_bank-e599.html)[http://www.ehow.com/info\\_8708816\\_piggy-milk-jug-craft-project.htm](http://www.ehow.com/info_8708816_piggy-milk-jug-craft-project.htm)

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