

# RAISE AROUND THE CLOCK!!


*Living Out Year-Round  
Stewardship*

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*What is Your  
Why?*



*Michael Jr video  
“Know your why”*

*To view the video go to  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ytFB8TrkTo>*

*What are possible*

*“whys”*

*for the ministry of year-round  
stewardship?*

Type your answers into the chat area

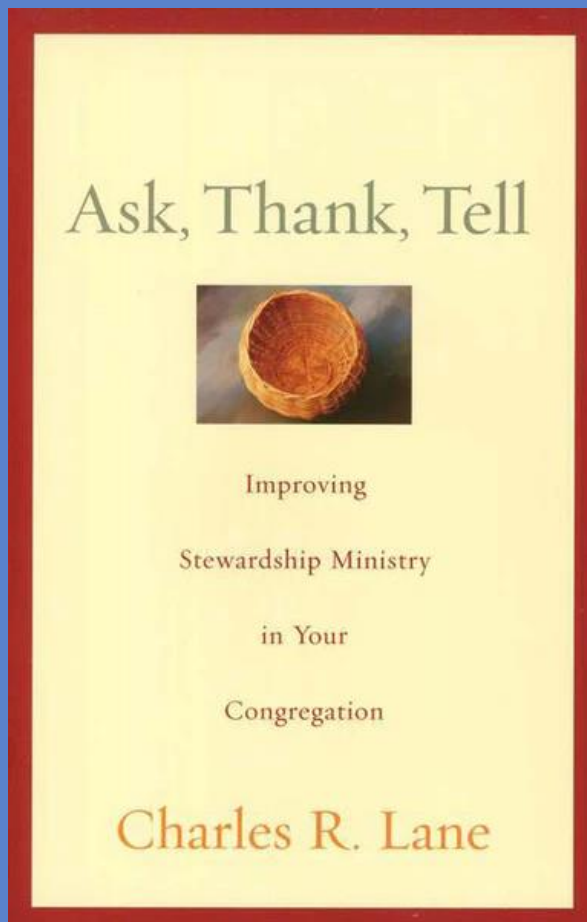
# First Peter

4:9-11

**“Open your homes to each other without complaining. *And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God’s diverse gifts.***

**Whoever speaks should do so as those who speak God’s word. Whoever serves should do so from the strength that God furnishes.**


***Do this so that in everything God may be honored through Jesus Christ. To Christ be honor and power forever and always. Amen.”***



*“The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God’s people in their relationship with Jesus through the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.”*


Charles “Chick” Lane





*“Stewardship is the outward  
and visible sign of our inner  
and personal relationship with  
God through Christ and the  
Holy Spirit”*

David Abbott

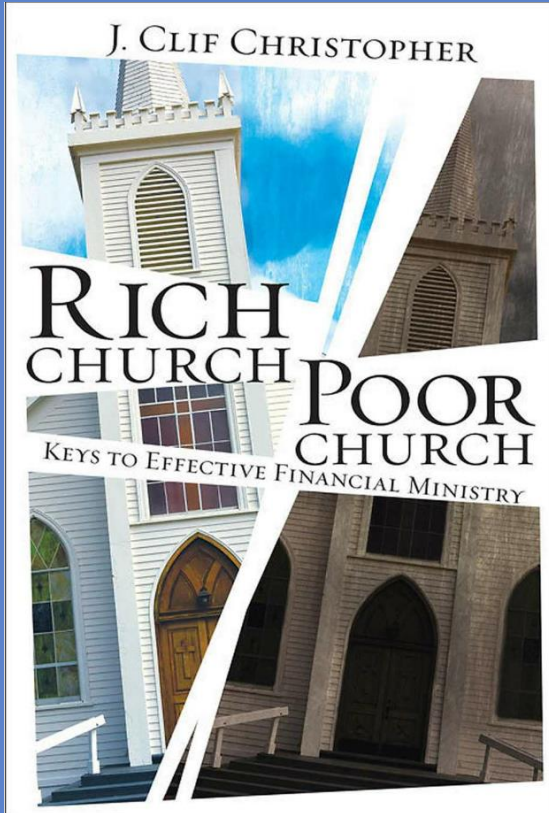


**Year-round stewardship is  
NOT talking about the  
church budget, the need  
for money, or putting the  
financial scorecard in the  
bulletin every week**



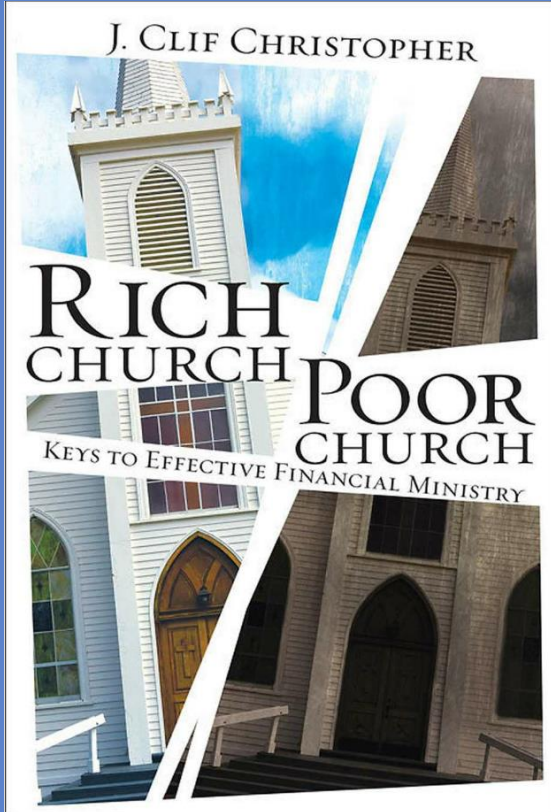
## YEAR-ROUND STEWARDSHIP IS:

- *A means of experiencing God's grace*
- *Understanding generosity as a spiritual discipline*
- *Experiencing the joy of generosity in all areas of ministry*
- *Responding to God's presence in our lives with the gifts with which we've been entrusted*



# Are you a rich church or a poor church?

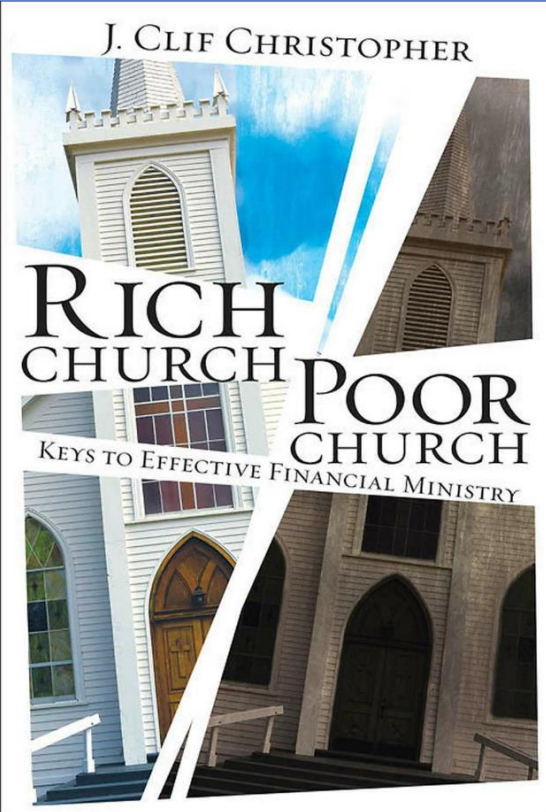
It will make all the difference in how you approach year-round stewardship



CHAPTER TWO

# KNOW THE MISSION

<b>RICH CHURCH</b>	<b>POOR CHURCH</b>
<b>Mission</b>	<b>Survival</b>
<b>Lives</b>	<b>Money</b>
<b>Service</b>	<b>Facility</b>
<b>Discipleship</b>	<b>Appeasement</b>
<b>Jesus</b>	<b>Church</b>



## CHAPTER NINE

# STEWARDSHIP WITHOUT APOLOGY

<b>RICH CHURCH</b>	<b>POOR CHURCH</b>
<b>Stewardship Is Life</b>	<b>Stewardship Is Forbidden</b>
<b>Frequent in Worship</b>	<b>Stewardship Is Once a Year</b>
<b>Offering Is a High Moment</b>	<b>Offering Is Time-out</b>
<b>Pastors Model</b>	<b>Pastors Hide</b>



# SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP

## ADVENT

- How do we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ
- Filling the manger with straw – acts of generosity

## EPIPHANY

- What gifts do we bring to Christ? How do they represent who we are?

## LENT

- Sermon series and Bible study on “*Generosity as a Spiritual Discipline*”

## EASTER

- How does our stewardship reflect our understanding of being Easter People?

## ORDINARY TIMES

- Where do we see God’s generosity in everyday life?

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*Exploring the Specifics*

# NARRATE YOUR MINISTRY

## *Show the Impact of Stewardship*

- Mission projects
- Education
- Scholarships
- Community Connections
- Legacy Gifts
- Mission Shares
- Testimonies of Christ's impact within your faith community

BOOK STUDIES &  
SERMON SERIES  
THROUGHOUT  
THE YEAR

- **40 Days of Generosity** – *reading and journaling around various generosity foci.* Lent
- **The Gratitude Path** – *saying thank you to God.* Epiphany
- **Having Nothing, Possessing Everything** – *“what can happen with we see abundance where others only see poverty”* Ordinary Time
- **We Aren’t Broke** – *Exploring how to repurpose our most valuable resources* Ordinary Time/Lent

# ADDITIONAL ACTIONS

*Beyond the Stewardship  
Committee*

- **Find other ways to fund your ministry.** *Make sure they connect to your vision and purpose.*
- **Encourage partnerships in your community.** *Give away the Christmas Eve offering to local charities. Include a distant ministry as well.*
- **Explore the many entrances to your faith community.** *Social media, community perceptions, accessibility, hospitality.*
- **Discover** *how the decisions of the congregation proclaim your relationship with Christ.*

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- **Write thank you notes** *to people celebrating how they have used their gifts to serve Christ and impact the individual and communal lives in your faith community.*
- **Share your stories through social media**, *website, local news agencies. Let people know why they should invest their financial resources in your ministries.*
- **Explore** *how your endowments are invested.*
- **Create** *an endowment program & policy.*

## Generosity/Stewardship Calendar 2022

### \*Weekly (so important!):

- ✓ Every Monday write three gratitude notes to someone in your congregation or community
- ✓ Highlight your congregation's generosity during worship. If you're part of a community organization, thank your donors for their support whenever you get the chance
- ✓ Do one thing that scares you (Eleanor Roosevelt said *every day* – but start with once a week & build up from there)
- ✓ Talk to someone with a different perspective than yours

Month	Activities
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Report on Christmas Eve offering and where funds went (use your pulpit, FB, email, newsletter)</li> <li>___ Set a stewardship goal for 2022. How much do you need to raise?</li> <li>___ Consider a second (soft) ask.</li> <li>___ Year-end giving statements prepared – with a hand-written thank you from the pastor tucked in with each statement or a signed letter highlighting how tithes have been used</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Love your congregation! Mail out Valentine's Day cards to say "thank you."</li> <li>___ Testimony in worship from someone talking about how your congregation has made a difference in their lives; post on FB and in your newsletter</li> <li>___ Review how you do your offering: Is there a way to improve it? Make it more joyful? Easier to give?</li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Preach on generosity</li> <li>___ Quarterly Giving Statement goes out with a thank you or testimony from a church member (remember to have them sign it and add close-up picture = big bonus!)</li> <li>___ Newsletter article on how generosity in your church is making a difference; post on FB</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Send a special offering Easter letter – be specific about where the offering will go</li> <li>___ Testimony in worship from someone talking about how your congregation has made a difference in their lives; post on FB and in your newsletter</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Newsletter article on how generosity in your church is making a difference</li> <li>___ Have a gratitude moment at Ad Council – everyone writes a note to someone in the church who has made a difference in their lives (no worries, this can be done over Zoom!)</li> <li>___ Review with Finance Committee your apportionment progress – if necessary, what will it take to get caught up?</li> </ul>
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December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>___ Testimony in worship from someone talking about how your congregation has made a difference in their lives</li> <li>___ Christmas letter goes out – don't forget to include an envelope and be sure to highlight where the money will go; put the letter on your website, send via email, and post on FB</li> <li>___ Determine where the Christmas Eve offering will be designated and talk about it in worship</li> </ul>

Have questions? Shoot me an email: [InspiringGenerosity@gmail.com](mailto:InspiringGenerosity@gmail.com)

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# Use/Create a Year-Round Calendar

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# NCC Acts of Kindness Calendar December 2021

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

			01 Shirley Case ~ Will make you personalized Christmas Cards to send	02 Linda Longe ~ Sing your favorite Christmas Carol and address your Christmas Cards	03 Michaud Family ~ Will take items (1 large or multiple small & medium) to the dump for you	04 Rob Sargent ~ Mini session photo shoot for up to 4 people and 10 digital images
05 Kathy Trevigini ~ Will give you a decorated Christmas Wreath	06 Pastor Patty ~ Will personally bring you a special cup of coffee from your favorite local coffee shop	07 Scott Dempsey~ Will give you one hour of Handyman Services	08 Mary Burson ~ Will bake you a batch of Chocolate Chip Cookies	09 John Allen ~ Will bake a Loaf of Cinnamon Bread	10 Elaine Pratt ~ Will bake you a Loaf of Eggnog Bread	11 Noreen Owens~ Will give you a Free Reiki Session
12 Cynthia Beattie ~ Will help you with a Sewing Alteration	13 Colin White ~ Will sing you your favorite Christmas carol at your door	14 Jim Marsden ~ Free Oil Change	15 Deb O'Neil~ will babysit for you.	16 Michelle Michaud ~ Will knit you a scarf and hat of your choice in colors	17 Kristen Beckley ~ Will shovel a walk way or go grocery shopping. Or make a batch of sea salt dark chocolate brownies	18 Karen Bishop ~ Will make a meal or babysit for you
19 Sarah Byron ~ Will give you a bouquet of flowers and a batch of homemade cookies	20 Arlene O'Conner~ Will make homemade Sugar Cookies	21 Bob Dorby ~ Will bring you flowers	22 Marilyn Allen ~ Will bake you a Pie	23 Karen Schuster ~ Will make you a loaf of cranberry orange bread or a batch of nut-berry fudgy cookies	24 Deb Grochmal ~ Will deliver to you all the fixings for Banana Splits	25 
26 Steve Doherty ~ Will make you some delicious banana bread	27 Suzette Laugars ~ Will make a Homemade Pot of Soup or a Pumpkin Pie	28 Dan Bilodcau ~ will deliver you a whoopie pie, (you may get only half).	29 Shirley White~ will make you a yummy loaf of banana bread	30 Venus Dempsey ~ One Hour of Cleaning	31 Deb O'Neil~ will walk your dog for you.	



Be at peace & know  
this can take a fair amount of time


**BUT**

*with the Spirit at work,  
the results will transform lives  
in unanticipated ways!*

Video  
“Unsung Hero”

to view the video go to

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- ✓ **Year-Round Stewardship IS NOT** *talking about the church budget or money every week.*
  - ✓ **Year-Round Stewardship IS** *helping people understand that stewardship is an **essential part of their discipleship** as well as **living out** the faith community's vision and purpose.*

Year-round stewardship **IS** the outward & visible signs  
(attitudes, actions, words, & decisions) that reflect our inner and  
personal/communal relationship with God.