

Money = 'Ministry.....not Misery'



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Teaching!

- Effective Financial Stewardship is Learned!
- It begins with our Theology!
- The Bible....JESUS! -- talked about money!!
- Where are we as adults coming from with our theology of money?

Do we have a theology of scarcity or a theology of abundance?

- A theology of scarcity says money is like a pie, and we are all fighting for a slice.
- A theology of abundance says that giving is like throwing a rock in the ocean-it just keeps rippling outwards.



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- **10% Giving** (Note 1.3 billion people live on less than \$1 a day. A US teenager spends an average of \$100/week) And, poverty does not preclude generosity.....the highest per capita of giving in the US was during the great depression...the lowest per capita giving has taken place during times of greatest prosperity
- **10% Saving** (Note: the average 25 year old in the US has more than \$5,000 in credit card debt, and 25 year olds and younger are the largest segment of people filing for bankruptcy)
- **80% Spending** (Note: Young persons 18 and under will spend and influence the spending of more than \$1 Trillion dollars this year in the US.....AND Children today spend FIVE times more money (adjusted for inflation) than their parents did at the same age.)

Scripture!

- 1 Corinthians 3:8
- Matthew 6:24
- Luke 21:1-4
- Matthew 25:14-30
- Matthew 6:19-21
- John 6: 1-14



Our attitude is critical!

- What is your attitude towards money?
- Are you comfortable or uncomfortable talking about money?
- Are you comfortable asking others for money? Why or why not?



God's attitude with regards to money is quite clear!

“There are more than 600 references in scripture to the use and abuse of money and wealth.”

-Rev. Paul Hill

Raising Money!!

Now that we know our theology is critical in our understanding, feeling, and talking about money.....

How do we RAISE it?? How do we grow givers hearts??



The Case!

The case for support is essential and includes the mission, vision, purpose, programs and services. It is a clear delineation of why gifts are needed and what those gifts will do.

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The 3 Legged Stool of financial stewardship

Individuals/Families

- Giving
- Saving
- Spending

Congregations

- Operating
- Capital
- Endowment/Legacy

Research clearly shows that congregations that ask often and ask for many causes are the most generous congregations, and raise up generous individuals.

Asking for money...How?

Begging??

Or.....the Voice of God, inviting people into
doing work of the Kingdom??

How do we teach youth/children
financial stewardship?



Five steps in asking for a gift

(In any financial stewardship program)

1. Identify
2. Evaluate
3. Cultivate
4. Ask---Prayerfully consider....
5. Thank



Always PRAY for generous hearts,
minds and means

Ideas

1. Face to face
2. Phone
3. Direct mail
4. Bulletins-reminders
5. Matching Gifts
6. Human Auction
7. Pink Flamingo's
8. Events
9. E-Giving
10. Other-Memorial funds, planned giving

Opportunities to teach

- What have you done????
- Kids envelopes
- Kids 'banks'
- Special kids offering

Thanking

1. Hand written notes...Postcards to donors
2. Letters reporting totals
3. Celebrations: meals, gatherings
4. Video thank you
5. Website updates while on the trip



Thank You

Saving!

- Teach stewardship with your youth, by putting your money to good use while you save it!
- Prayerfully consider the ELCA Mission Investment Fund



The ELCA Mission Investment Fund

- Around for over 100 years
- Not insured...and has never missed on an interest payment or redemption
- Provides consulting services for building projects.
- Teaches youth and all church members that where we invest DOES make a difference (MF4Kidz and Mission First)
- MIF invested money is loaned to congregations, outdoor ministries, seminaries, etc
- Rates now 4.5% for “CD” minimum of \$100!!!

The Mission Investment Fund

- Has a variety of investments ie “CD” type, children's, IRA, money market, etc.
- All ‘social responsible’ investing
- Your MIF investments earn competitive interest for you, while you further the mission and ministry of the church!

DID YOU KNOW NEW MISSION
CONGREGATIONS RECEIVE LOW INTEREST
RATES ON THEIR LOANS??

0%

Youth Mission Plus

- Save for youth events
- Going to New Orleans 2012?
- Open the investment, and the MIF “Bank” will be at the youth gathering to process/cash your checks, etc.

GIVING!!

- The JOY of giving!!
- Teach youth serving.....*and* raising money to GIVE!!!

GIVE:

- To those in need, VIA an organization, i.e. the ELCA World Hunger appeal
- To the congregation

Go is peace, to Love, Serve and
Give!

THANKS be to God!!!!

God's work. Our hand's.

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