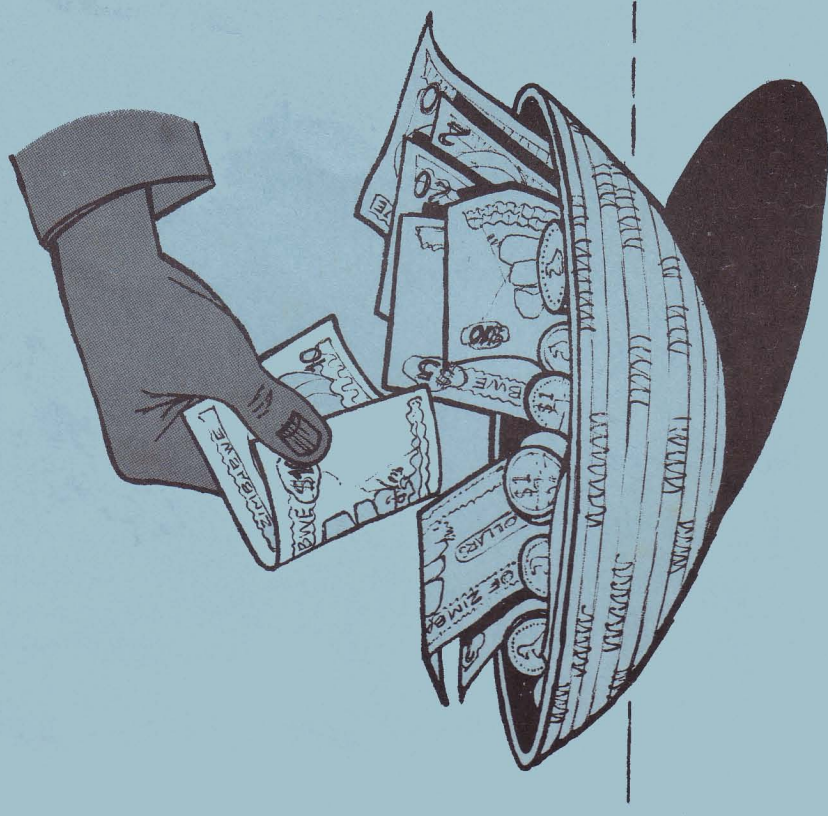


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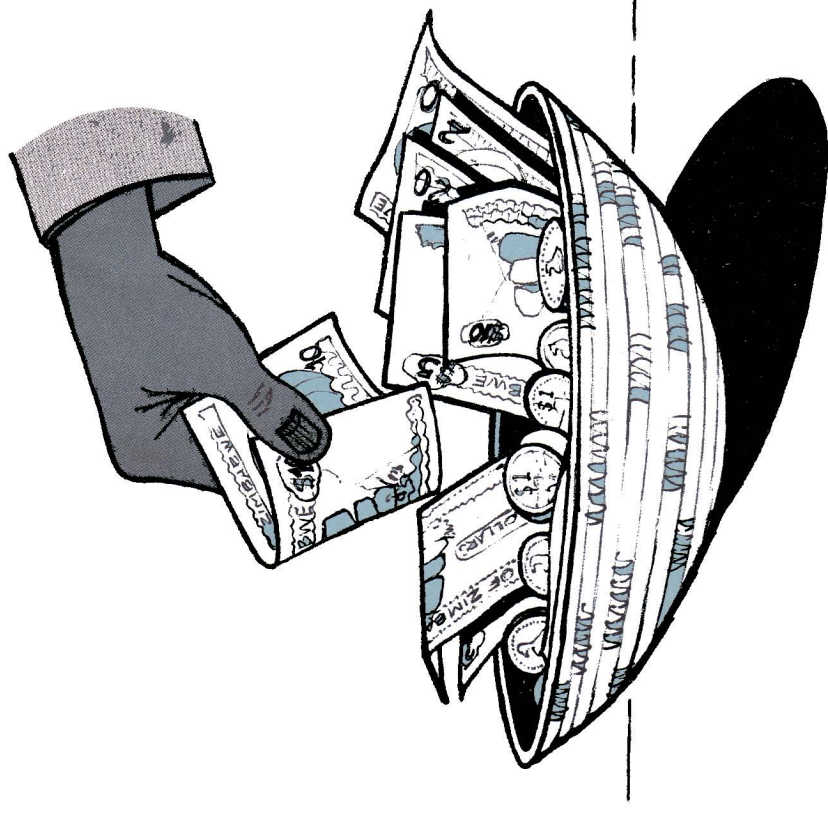
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**FIVE LESSON OUTLINES
AND
LESSON PLANS FOR TEACHERS
OF
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LESSON OUTLINES

Major Objective: That each follower of Jesus learn and apply to his life the biblical teaching of Christian giving.

LESSON ONE - FIRST SESSION

What Does the Bible Teach You About Christian Giving

1. God is Creator and Owner of all things (including man) - Genesis 1:1; Psalm 21:1; Haggai 2:8; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20.
2. Everything comes from God - James 1:17.
3. The Christian's first offering must be himself - Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 8:5.
4. Every Christian must answer to God for his life - Luke 16:20; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 4:2.
5. Faithful Christian giving will be rewarded by God - Proverbs 3:9,10; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 25:21; 2 Corinthians 9:6.
6. The grace of God causes Christians to do more than the law requires - Matthew 5:47,48; Matthew 23:23; Romans 5:20,21; 6:13; 1 Corinthians 15:9,10; 2 Corinthians 8:7-9.
7. A Christian gives his offerings to God as a part of faith, love and worship - Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4; 9:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2.
8. Tithing is the plan of God for the Christian - Genesis 14:18-20; Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:8-12; Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42; Hebrews 7:4-9.
9. Because of the love of God, the Christian is compelled to give tithes and offerings - John 14:15; Romans 13:10; 2 Corinthians 5:14,15.

Memory Verse: *"I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."* (Romans 12:1).

LESSON FIVE - SECOND SESSION

Does Your Church Give to Special Programmes of Ministry?

Learning Objective: Demonstrates his growth as a Christian steward by answering questions others may ask about Christian giving.

A. Before you teach:

1. Read Section G in the Plan Book.
2. Read again Section E - Does Your Church Have a Budget? Note the contrast between budgeting and taking a special offering.
3. Give attention to How does a budget help a church?
4. Prepare your **Memory Verse** visual aid: *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"* (Colossians 3:17).
5. Learn Colossians 3:17 so that you can teach the class.
6. Perhaps you will want to give time for testimonies during the last 15-20 minutes of the session. A suggested subject could be "One truth I learnt, and one decision I made".
7. Pray that the Lord will use this week of study to begin a revival in the church.

B. Teaching the Lesson:

1. Ask, "Does your church give to special programmes of ministry?"
2. Ask, "Does your church use the method of special offerings to support all of its ministries?"
3. Special programmes of ministry have value in the total ministry of the church.
 - a) Does your church have need for a building? What kind?
 - b) There are other needs which a church may decide are special.
4. Now present the guidelines for special programmes of giving. (See page 19 in the Plan Book.)
5. Read Guideline 1, then say, "A budget helps a church to know what is important."
6. Read Guideline 2, then say, "If such a programme is planned and presented to the church, the programme is seen as important and worthy of special promotion."
7. Read Guideline 3. "This is a time to promote grace giving - above regular giving of tithes and offerings."
8. Read Guideline 4. "Is your church promoting special offerings for every programme of ministry?" That is one reason for a weak programme of giving. Our study this week is the way to enter a new programme with the Lord and his church."
9. Show your **Memory Verse** visual aid.
10. Give from memory Colossians 3:17. Teach the members this verse.
11. Lead into a time of testimony, asking, "What one truth have you learnt which you want to share?" "What decision have you made to the Lord about stewardship?" These testimonies should be brief.
12. When the people have shared, close the lesson with a prayer of dedication.

10. Explain an audit.

11. Often poor records are kept because the church does not provide the treasurer with a book-keeping ledger.

12. Financial reports must be given monthly.

13. Show the Monthly Report of Church's Money visual aid. Teach the value of this monthly report.

14. Annual reports are prepared by using monthly reports.

15. Allow some time for questions on good records and reporting.

16. Show the Memory Verse visual aid, 1 Corinthians 4:2. You say it from memory and then teach the members.

Have a brief recess at this time.

LESSON ONE - SECOND SESSION

Are You a Faithful Steward in Christian Giving?

1. How committed are you to Christian giving?

a) God is the Owner and whatever you have, whether health, intelligence, money or possessions, you have received from God (1 Corinthians 4:2,7; Romans 11:35,36).

b) A Christian who accepts his income (cash or produce) as a trust from God will give through his church (Malachi 3:10).

c) Stewardship of giving is a sign of commitment to Christ - this means the steward believes God is Owner and Giver of all things (James 1:17,18).

2. How do you work as a Christian?

a) You as a Christian have a relationship as a steward before God. As a pastor, missionary, businessman, factory worker, housewife or student, do you work with honour unto God (Colossians 3:17)?

b) Work is strongly taught in the Ten Commandments. The command to work is just as important as the command to rest (Exodus 20:8,9).

c) As a Christian your quality of work is to be a testimony as a steward of God. Give an honest account in whatever your work requires you to do (Colossians 3:23,24).

Memory Verse: "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (James 1:17).

LESSON TWO - FIRST SESSION

Are You a Faithful Steward in Christian Giving (cont.)

3. How do you spend your money as a Christian?
 - a) The Bible says that God put all things under man as a steward of creation (Genesis 1:28-30). Sin changed man from a steward to a slave of possessions.
 - b) As a Christian, God has given you responsibility to be a steward (Genesis 1:26; 2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - 1) You are to be faithful in your money-management, even though you are constantly tempted to be covetous (Luke 12:15; 16:13).
 - 2) You are to be wise in your money-management (Luke 12:42-48).
 - 3) You are to give an account unto God for your use of possessions (Luke 16:12; Matthew 25:4-30). You are to provide for the needs of your family (1 Timothy 5:8). You are to care for the helpless and unfortunate (Leviticus 19:9,10; 23:11,22; Matthew 5:40; Luke 10:30-37; Luke 16:19-31).
 - c) As a Christian have you become a slave to money and covetous to have possessions? Here is the way out of the problem:
 - 1) Confess that your problem is sin (Luke 12:15).
 - 2) Choose what is first as a Christian (Matthew 6:33).
 - 3) Make a list of your personal debts.
 - 4) Make a plan to pay your debts.
 - 5) Decide to increase your gifts to the church during the time of your debt retirement.
 - 6) Promise yourself and your family you will make no additional debt, during your debt retirement.

Memory Verse: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" (Matthew 6:33).

LESSON FIVE - FIRST SESSION

Does Your Church Keep Good Records of the Tithes and Offerings Received?

Learning Objective: Demonstrates his growth as a Christian steward by leading other members of his church to become Christian stewards.

A. Before you teach:

1. Read page 16 under Section F of the Plan Book.
2. Does your church have a good system of book-keeping and reporting?
3. Do not let the practical needs of this lesson overshadow the spiritual ministry in good book-keeping and reporting.
4. Prepare a visual aid to teach the work of a church treasurer. See page 16 of the Plan Book.
5. Prepare visual aids to teach Monthly Report of Church's Money and Monthly Record of Offerings Given.
6. Prepare **Memory Verse** "*Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy*" (1 Corinthians 4:2) visual aid.
7. Learn this verse to teach the class.
8. Lesson Five will be the last lesson of this study on Christian giving. You will be physically tired, but trust the Lord to strengthen you in body and spirit to teach in the power of the Holy Spirit. A good ending is a necessity.
9. Arrive 15 minutes before the class begins.
10. Arrange all of your teaching materials.

B. Teaching the Lesson:

1. Ask a member of the class to lead in prayer.
2. **Revise briefly** Lesson Four.
3. Ask, "When you give a tithe or an offering in worship do you think about your giving as a part of worship?"
4. Happy Christians give with joy unto the Lord. Good financial records contribute to the growth of giving in the church. If Christians are suspicious and unhappy about poor financial records, they are discouraged to give as the Bible teaches.
5. Ask, "Is the accounting and keeping of records the work of the treasurer alone?"
6. Show Monthly Record of Offerings Given visual aid. Discuss the value of this record.
7. Does this church have a counting committee?
8. Ask, "Should the church honour a man to make him treasurer or should an honest man honour the work of the treasurer?" Discuss -too often a man is chosen who is not able to do the work or is not taught how to do the work.
9. Show visual aid to teach the duties of the treasurer. Ask if there are questions.

15. Revision:

- a) Why should a church have a budget?
- b) Who should prepare the budget?
- c) Who can say the **Memory Verse** we learnt tonight?

16. Give a brief challenge for those who have signed the Stewardship Commitment Card to place the card in the offering place and kneel before the Lord.

17. Sing, "I Surrender All".

18. Have a prayer of dedication.

19. Dismiss.

LESSON TWO - SECOND SESSION

Are You a Faithful Steward in Christian Giving (cont.)

4. How do you give as a Christian?

- a) Jesus spoke strongly about giving money. He asks, "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches?" (Luke 16:12 NIV).
- b) Many Christians fail to see the relationship between stewardship of money and the stewardship of the gospel. Is there a relationship between robbing God of tithes and offerings and preaching or teaching the Word of God on the Lord's Day?

5. How should you give as a Christian?

- a) Give a joyful tithe (2 Corinthians 9:7; Acts 20:35).
- b) Give a full tithe (Leviticus 27:30,32).
- c) Tithe in the correct way (2 Corinthians 8:5; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; Exodus 23:19).
- d) Give an honest tithe. The tithe is the Lord's whether you attend church or not on a given day.
- e) Everyone can figure his tithe whether he be a farmer, a businessman, regular salaried person or student.
- f) Give more than the tithe (Malachi 3:8; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 8:7).

Memory Verse: "In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' " (Acts 20:35).

LESSON THREE - FIRST SESSION

Is Your Church a Faithful Steward of All Tithes and Offerings

1. What is church stewardship? (See 1 Corinthians 4:2.) Church or group stewardship refers to the stewardship of the local body of believers. What does this mean?
 - a) The church which practices group stewardship is unified in the Spirit (Ephesians 4:1-7).
 - b) The stewardship of the individual determines group stewardship. What kind of church stewardship would your church have if every member were the kind of steward you are?
 - c) The purpose of the church determines group stewardship (Matthew 28:19,20).
 - d) The church is responsible to teach the individual to be a steward.
 - 1) The individual and his management of money.
 - 2) The individual and his commitment to Christian giving.
2. How should your church be guided in its stewardship ministry?
 - a) Christ is Lord and the believer is the steward (Romans 10:9; Matthew 25:21).
 - b) Biblical stewardship is a necessary programme throughout the year.
 - c) Christian giving shows Christian commitment.
 - d) The church is the steward of all gifts.
 - e) Church leaders must be committed stewards (1 Timothy 3:1-12).
3. How can your church organise for its stewardship ministry?
 - a) Pastoral leadership and example will give the vision the church needs (Proverbs 29:18).
 - b) The church needs leadership from a church stewardship committee.
 - 1) This committee is to plan and promote programmes for stewardship.
 - 2) The stewardship chairman must be a faithful steward and enthusiastic leader, willing to work with the pastor.

Memory Verse: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Matthew 28:19,20).

LESSON FOUR - SECOND SESSION

Does Your Church Have a Budget? (cont.)

- A. Before you teach:
 1. Study section E, numbers 3 and 4 in the Plan Book.
 2. Study well the three visual aids you have prepared - Budget Planning Sheet, Our Church Budget and Work of the Budget Planning Committee.
 3. Prepare a visual aid to teach the use of a pledge card in planning a budget.
 4. Remember, a well prepared lesson will open the way for students to learn. Prepare well a challenge for the class to commit themselves to become faithful stewards. Do not make excuses for the Stewardship Commitment Card. Present your challenge believing the students are going to commit themselves to stewardship and tithing.
 5. Prepare the **Memory Verse** visual aid and learn the verse.
- B. Teaching the Lesson:
 1. Open this session with prayer.
 2. Explain again the purpose and use of the Stewardship Commitment Card.
 3. Give one to each member of the class. Say, "Those who have decided to become faithful stewards and tithers may sign the card. We will have a dedication service at the end of the lesson tonight."
 4. Ask, "Who should plan the church budget?"
 5. Explain the purpose and organisation of the Budget Planning Committee.
 6. Show your visual aid Budget Planning Sheet.
 7. Give any necessary explanation of the steps in budget planning. Keep the visual aid before the class.
 8. Show your visual aid to teach the purpose and use of the pledge card. This card is for committee use only. It does not become public information.
 9. Now use the six steps to prepare a church budget - your prepared visual aid.
 10. Explain that preparing a budget follows the study of the financial record of the church. Note number 1 on Budget Planning Sheet.
 11. Give time for questions about budget planning.
 12. Show the visual aid: Our Budget.
 13. Explain that this is an example of a budget. A church may have more or less items on the budget.
 14. "Are there any questions?"

community?" "Does your church have a vision?" Read Proverbs 29:18.

8. What are some practical ways a church can receive a vision to minister the gospel to others?

9. Guide the class in discussing this question. There are four suggestions in the Plan Book which will give the church a vision. See page 12. You may have other suggestions.

10. Ask the question, "Does your church have a plan for using God's tithes and offerings to share the gospel?" Say, "The church that is committed to a stewardship of the gospel will follow a plan."

11. Read 1 Corinthians 9:16,17 and Colossians 1:25. Explain the relation between the gospel and the church as a steward of God's money.

12. Ask, "How does a budget help a church?" Use the five ways given on page 13 in the Plan Book.

13. Revision:

a) Who gave birth and life to the church?

b) What are some ways a church can receive a vision to share the gospel with others?

c) What is a church budget?

d) How is a church helped by a budget?

14. Teach the Memory Verse, John 20:21, using your visual aid.

Have a brief recess at this time.

LESSON THREE - SECOND SESSION

Is Your Church a Faithful Steward of All the Tithes and Offerings? (cont.)

4. Does your church plan and promote a monthly stewardship (giving) activity?

a) The pastor and the stewardship committee should meet in December of each year to plan the church's stewardship activities for the coming year. 1) Any activity must have a reason.

2) Any reason must be measured by a goal.

b) Plan activities and programmes as ways to reach the giving goals.

c) Meaning of terms used in stewardship planning:

1) Stewardship ministry - this means all giving activities and programmes for the year.

2) Giving activity - one brief event to teach one giving purpose.

3) Stewardship on-going events - activities used regularly throughout the year.

4) Stewardship programmes - means a major emphasis using a number of days and many activities.

5. The church's responsibility of providing for its Pastoral Ministry.

a) Jesus said, "*The labourer is worthy of his hire*" (Matthew 10:10 KJV).

The teaching is plain - the servants of the Lord as pastors in the churches must be supported as they minister in Christ's name.

b) The Apostle Paul gave a command from the Lord (1 Corinthians 9:13,14).

c) Free the hands of the pastor from other work to minister and lead the church to grow and win the lost to Christ (1 Timothy 5:17,18).

d) Would you be willing to receive from your employer what your pastor receives from the church monthly, as the servant of the Lord and minister of the gospel? (See Matthew 7:12).

Memory Verse: "So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

LESSON FOUR - FIRST SESSION

Does Your Church Have a Christian Ministry to Others (Reaching Out With the Gospel)?

1. Jesus Christ gave himself in love to die for sinners (Romans 5:8). He offers new birth and eternal life to all who receive him (John 3:5,16). He built his church because he is Christ the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:17,18). Because of these truths the church is called to minister to others (Matthew 28:19,20).
2. The church where you are a member was born because someone was sent to your community to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 4:1; 2 Corinthians 5:18).
3. Is your church sending someone (pastor or laypreacher) to share the gospel with another community? A church with no vision will perish (Proverbs 29:18).
4. There are practical ways a church can receive a vision to minister the gospel.

Does Your Church Have a Budget?

1. A budget is a well prepared plan for using God's tithes and offerings given by members of the church. The church that is committed to a stewardship of the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16,17; Colossians 1:25) will plan well, beginning with pastoral ministry and into all the world (Acts 1:8).
2. How does a budget help a church?
 - a) A budget helps a church to know what is important.
 - b) A budget sets a yearly goal for the church's giving.
 - c) A budget helps a church to know its ability.
 - d) A budget helps a church to use the tithes and offerings wisely.
 - e) A budget instructs the treasurer how the tithes and offerings are to be used in payment of accounts and ministries.

Memory Verse: "*Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you' "*" (John 20:21).

LESSON FOUR - FIRST SESSION

Does Your Church Have a Christian Ministry to Others (Reaching Out With the Gospel)? and

Does Your Church Have a Budget?

Teaching Objective: Demonstrates his growth as a Christian steward by communicating his decision to be a Christian steward to his family.

A. Before you teach:

1. Study in your Plan Book the material beginning with Section D: Does Your Church Have a Christian Ministry to Others? Also read carefully Section E: Does Your Church Have a Budget?
2. Begin to apply these sections of study to your church. How can your church reach out to others with the gospel? Is your church following a well planned budget?
3. Three weeks before teaching these five lessons, order from the Baptist Publishing House a packet of Stewardship Commitment Cards. You will need them for the second session of Lesson Four.
4. Study the Bible verses in these two sections, so that you can apply them to the need of the people you will teach.
5. Prepare visual aids you will use to teach budget planning in the **second session of Lesson Four**. See pages 14 and 15 in the Plan Book for examples - Budget Planning Sheet and Our Church Budget. Also for the six steps of the Budget Planning Committee on page 13 of the Plan Book.
6. Prepare the visual aid for teaching the **Memory Verse**: "*Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you' "*" (John 20:21).
7. Learn the **Memory Verse**.
8. Arrive 15 minutes before the lesson begins.
9. Arrange your teaching materials.

B. Teaching the Lesson:

1. Begin the lesson with prayer.
2. Teach a **brief** revision of Lesson Three.
3. Ask, "Does your church have a Christian ministry to others?" That is, where is your church sharing the gospel with others?
4. Jesus is our example of sharing the gospel with a lost world.
5. Have a reader to read John 20:21. Explain this is the purpose of the gospel. Also read Luke 19:10 and Matthew 28:19,20. Give any needed explanation.
6. Ask, "Do you know who began preaching in your community?" It is better to know why he was sent to your community. Read 1 Corinthians 5:18. Discuss this verse.
7. Ask, "Is your church sending someone to share the gospel with another

17. The salvation of Christ to everyone is a call to a holy life. The trust of God to each believer to be a faithful steward is a holy calling. The call of God to preach the gospel and minister to the saints is a high and holy calling. The body of Christ, the church, is commanded to support God's servant who is the minister and pastor.
18. Ask, "Would you be willing to receive from your employer what your pastor receives from the church monthly?" He is God's servant; your pastor who preaches and ministers the gospel among you, the body of Christ.
19. Teach the **Memory Verse**, Matthew 7:12, as you use your prepared visual aid.
20. End the teaching session with the chorus "God is so Good".

LESSON FOUR - SECOND SESSION

Does Your Church Have a Christian Ministry to Others (Reaching Out With the Gospel)?

3. Budget Planning Committee
 - a) This committee studies the present giving of the church and seeks to challenge the church to a greater programme of work.
 - b) This committee should have at least five members who represent all organisations of the church.
 - c) The committee will begin its work four weeks, preferably six weeks, before the Sunday when the budget is presented to the church.
4. Steps to prepare a church budget (the work of the committee)
 - a) Discover the total amount of money received by the church for the previous year.
 - b) Determine the giving ability of the church.
 - c) Discover how the church actually spent all monies the previous year.
 - d) Prepare the budget in view of the needs discovered.
 - e) If possible give a copy of the proposed budget to the youth and adults.
 - f) Present the budget to the church.

LESSON FIVE - FIRST SESSION

Does Your Church Keep Good Records of the Tithes and Offerings Received?

1. Receiving tithes and offerings in Sunday School or during the worship hour should be a part of worship.
2. The counting committee is to help the treasurer in counting the tithes and offerings.
3. The treasurer:
 - a) The right person must be chosen.
 - b) He/she should be a faithful steward before God, and a tither.
 - c) In addition to the treasurer, the church should choose two co-signers for cheques. All cheques need to be signed by any two of the three persons.
 - d) The treasurer is to spend church money only as instructed by the church.
 - e) If there is not enough money to pay accounts, the treasurer must report this to the church at the next church meeting.
 - f) The treasurer is to obey the decisions of the church in paying accounts rather than following his own feelings.
4. The church should require an annual audit of the treasurer's records.
5. The church should provide the treasurer with a book-keeping ledger.
6. Financial reports are to be given to the church at its business meetings:
 - a) A monthly report.
 - b) An annual report.
 - c) Reporting encourages faith giving.

Memory Verse: "Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

LESSON THREE - SECOND SESSION

Is Your Church a Faithful Steward of the Tithes and Offerings?

Learning Objective: Applies the biblical pattern for Christian giving to his own life by giving regularly through his church.

A. Before you teach:

1. Prepare a visual aid to teach number 4, Section C of the Plan Book. See page 10.
2. This is a very practical section to teach the church how to plan and promote month by month Christian giving activities.
3. The visual aids should explain the terms: "Giving Activity", "Stewardship On-going Activities" and "Stewardship Programmes". Use more than one poster or transparency for the overhead projector, if necessary. Do not put too much information on one visual aid.
4. Study well The Church's Responsibility of Providing for its Pastoral Ministry. Read carefully each Bible verse.
5. Pray for the Spirit's leadership and strength to teach.
6. Prepare the **Memory Verse**, "*So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets*" (Matthew 7:12), using your visual aid.

B. Teaching the Lesson:

1. Open the session with prayer.
2. Revise the learning of Matthew 28:19,20.
3. Revise the purpose of the Stewardship Committee and its work with the pastor.
4. When should the Stewardship Committee meet with the pastor to plan for the new year?
5. Teach two requirements of a stewardship activity -
 - a) It must have a reason.
 - b) It must be measured by a goal. Give an example.
6. The church's giving will increase when activities and programmes challenge the members.
7. Explain that stewardship ministry means all giving activities and programmes for the year.
8. Show and explain the visual aid "Giving Activity".
9. Ask for questions.
10. Show and explain the visual aid "Stewardship On-going Activities".
11. Any questions?
12. Show and explain the visual aid "Stewardship Programmes".
13. Any questions?
14. The church has a God-given responsibility to provide for its pastoral ministry.
15. Read Matthew 10:10 and give the application.
16. Ask a reader to read 1 Corinthians 9:13,14. Give the application.

13. Remember, Christ is Lord and the believer is steward. This is the foundation of stewardship. Read Romans 10:9 and Matthew 25:21.
14. Explain the following:

- a) Biblical stewardship is necessary throughout the year.
- b) Christian giving shows Christian commitment.
- c) The church is the steward of all gifts given by its members.
- d) Christian leaders must be committed stewards. Give a brief explanation of 1 Timothy 3:1-12.

15. Ask, "How can your church organise for its stewardship ministry?"

16. The pastor must lead. Read Proverbs 29:18.

17. A church stewardship committee will strengthen the pastor's leadership.

18. This committee is to plan and promote programmes for stewardship.

19. Show your visual aid of the duties of the stewardship committee chairman.

20. Revision:

- a) What is church or group stewardship?
- b) Church stewardship gives the Holy Spirit freedom to work. "How is his work seen in the church?" Check Ephesians 4:1-7.
- c) What is the purpose of the church?
- d) Who is Lord and who is steward?
- e) Who must lead in church stewardship?

21. Teach the Memory Verse, Matthew 28:19,20, using your prepared visual aid.

Have a brief recess at this time.

LESSON FIVE - SECOND SESSION

Does Your Church Give to Special Programmes of Ministry?

1. Note again, How does a budget help a church? The church which follows these suggestions year by year will become a strong giving church.
2. There are special programmes of ministry in addition to ministries in the budget.
 - a) A building programme - house of worship, S.S. classrooms, pastor's house or installation of electricity.
 - b) There are other needs which a church may decide are special. Guidelines for special programmes of giving.
3.
 - a) A church which prepares and follows a good budget will have few special offerings during the year.
 - b) Special programmes must be well planned and presented to the church.
 - c) One or two special programmes during a year will challenge people to give above their regular giving of tithes and offerings.
 - d) Many requests for special offerings will weaken the total giving of the church.

Memory Verse: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

LESSON PLANS FOR TEACHERS

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It is the hope and prayer of the writer that these lesson plans will encourage and help all who use them. The wise teacher will adapt the materials to his/her own situation. These materials are offered as guidelines for better teaching of Christian giving.

May the words of Paul be planted as seeds in the life of all who stand to teach. *"I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."* (1 Corinthians 9:22,23 NIV).

LESSON THREE - FIRST SESSION

Is Your Church a Faithful Steward of the Tithes and Offerings?

Learning Objective: Applies the biblical pattern for Christian giving to his own life by giving regularly through his church.

A. Before you teach:

1. Study carefully section C in the *Christian Giving Plan Book*. This study will be your material for Sessions One and Two of Lesson Three.
2. Study the Bible verses in this section of the plan book.
3. Prepare a poster or other visual aid to show an example of the Christian's Tithe and Offerings Record. It can be introduced under number 1. d). The church's responsibility is to teach its members to be stewards.
4. Prepare a visual aid to teach the duties of the stewardship committee chairman.
5. Prepare a visual aid for the **Memory Verse**: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age"* (Matthew 28:19,20).
6. Arrive at the classroom 15 minutes before the teaching begins.
7. Arrange all teaching materials.

B. Teaching the Lesson:

1. Ask a person to lead in prayer.
2. Revise briefly the main truths of Lesson Two.
3. Ask a reader to read 1 Corinthians 4:2. Then ask, "What is church stewardship?"
4. Church stewardship will mean two things.
5. Read Ephesians 4:1-4. Note the one body, one Spirit, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father. All these speak of unity.
6. Individual stewardship makes possible group stewardship. Ask, "What kind of church stewardship would your church have if every member were the kind of steward you are?"
7. Ask, "What is the purpose of your church?" Read Matthew 28:19,20.
8. Ask a person, "Is your church responsible to teach you to be a steward?"
9. Remember in Lesson Two the first part that we learnt about money management. "Does the church have a responsibility to teach its members to manage their money as Christians?"
10. Use your visual aid The Christian's Tithe and Offerings to explain how the steward and his church are responsible to learn faithful giving.
11. Read Romans 12:1.
12. Discuss, "What are the two programmes of group stewardship?"
 - a) Reach a lost world.
 - b) Teach the church.

2. Give a lesson outline to each student if you prepared this.
3. Choose good readers to read the Bible verses in the lesson.
4. Ask, "What is the relation between stewardship of money and stewardship of the gospel?"
5. Discuss this. (See lesson outline.)
6. Do you rob God of tithes and offerings, but preach the gospel of Christ?
7. Christian giving should begin with the tithe. Ask, "What is a tithe?"; use your visual aid to teach what is a tithe.
8. Ask, "How should you give as a Christian?"
 - a) Read 2 Corinthians 9:7; Acts 20:35. Give a joyful tithe.
 - b) Read Leviticus 27:30,32. Give a full tithe.
 - c) Read 2 Corinthians 8:5; 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; Exodus 23:19. Discuss giving the tithe in the correct way. (Refer to page 5 in Plan Book.)
 - d) Give an honest tithe. Discuss this.
 - e) Everyone can figure his tithe.
 - f) Give more than the tithe. Read Malachi 3:8; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 8:7.
9. Show and explain the prepared example of the Stewardship Commitment Card. Tell the students that they will be given a card to sign on Thursday night. Ask them to think about this and commit themselves in obedience to God's Word. Any decision must be unto the Lord, not to man.
10. Revision:
 - a) What is one way we are to give the tithe?
 - b) What is a full tithe?
 - c) When is the best time to give the tithe?
 - d) How can a farmer or business man figure his tithe?
 - e) Why should a Christian give an offering above the tithe?
11. Show the **Memory Verse**, Acts 20:35. (Use your prepared visual aid.)
12. Teach the **Memory Verse**.
13. Close the lesson with prayer.

LESSON ONE - FIRST SESSION

What Does the Bible Teach You About Christian Giving?

Learning Objective: Each student (of your class) shows his desire to learn the way of Christian giving. Keep this objective (purpose) in your mind as you prepare to teach this lesson.

A. Before you teach:

1. Carefully read each scripture verse used in the nine statements of the lesson outline.
2. Prepare your heart before the Lord.
3. Commit yourself anew as a steward of God. Remember - you can only teach effectively what you have experienced.
4. Prepare to use the visual aid available for your teaching. (Chalkboard, overhead projector or duplicated papers for each student.)
5. Prepare the **Memory Verse**: "*I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship*" (Romans 12:1). Prepare the visual aid which is best for you.
6. Arrive 15 minutes before the time to begin.
7. Arrange your teaching material for teaching.

B. Teaching the Lesson:

1. Begin the lesson with prayer.
2. If practical, appoint a person to keep a class roll.
3. Give a **brief** overview of the five lessons.
4. Give to each student Lesson One outline, if prepared as a visual aid.
5. Read number 1 in the lesson outline.
 - a) Choose a person who reads well to read all verses, one by one.
 - b) Ask, "What does this mean?" of Genesis 1:1.
 - c) Reader reads Psalm 24:1.
 - d) You give the interpretation.
 - e) Reader reads Haggai 2:8.
 - f) Ask, "What does this mean?"
 - g) Reader reads 1 Corinthians 6:19,20.
 - h) Ask, "What does this verse say to you?"

Note: Your free spirit will encourage student participation.

6. As you teach the other eight truths in this part of lesson one, use the general outline of number five (5) above. Use as many good readers as you believe is practical.
7. Encourage the students to write brief notes to remember the lesson.
8. Revision:
 - a) Who is Creator and Owner of all things?
 - b) What is the Christian's first offering?

c) What causes us to do more than the law requires?

d) What is a tithe?

e) What forces the obedient Christian to give tithes and offerings?

f) What will the faithful Christian steward receive?

9. Read the **Memory Verse**, Romans 12:1. Use your prepared visual aid in teaching this.

Have a brief recess at this time.

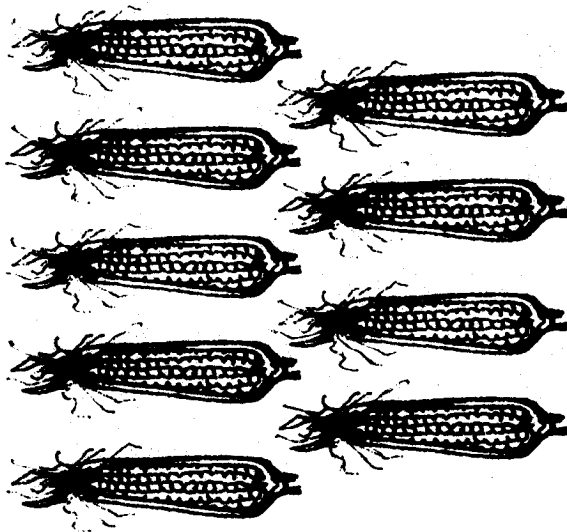
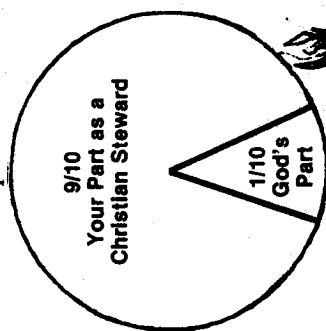
LESSON TWO - SECOND SESSION

How Do You Give as a Christian?

Learning Objective: That the student apply the biblical pattern for Christian giving to his own life by deciding to become a Christian steward.

A. Before you teach:

1. Study pages 4 and 5 in the *Christian Giving Plan Book*, beginning with number 4, How do you give as a Christian?
2. Read in your Bible all verses in this section.
3. Apply this teaching to your present giving pattern.
4. You can teach effectively what you practice.
5. Prepare a visual aid which explains the meaning of the tithe.



1/10
God's Part

9/10
Your Part as a Christian Steward

6. Prepare a poster or use the overhead projector, to show an example of the Stewardship Commitment Card. (See page 9 in the Plan Book.)
 7. Learn the **Memory Verse**: "*In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' "*" (Acts 20:35).
 8. Prepare your visual aid to teach the **Memory Verse**.
- B. Teaching the Lesson:
1. Open the lesson with prayer.

briefly the parable of the Good Samaritan.

17. Ask, "Are you a slave to money and covetous to have possessions?"
18. Ask, "What is the way out of this problem?"
 - a) Confess it is sin (Luke 12:15).
 - b) What is first as a Christian (Matthew 6:33)?
 - c) Give to each student a sheet of paper. Explain what you want him to do. (For this activity to be helpful, he must be free to follow or refuse what you request him to do.)
 - d) Say, "Make a list of your personal debts."
 - e) Say, "How do you plan to pay your debts? Write it on the paper."
 - f) "Will you decide to increase your gifts to the church as you pay your debts?"
 - g) "Will you promise yourself and your family you will make no additional debt during your debt retirement?"
 - h) Say, "Now fold the paper and put it in your pocket or on your person."
19. Revise:
 - a) What did God give to man to manage for him?
 - b) Why did God give you the work of being a steward?
 - c) What sin makes man a slave to possessions?
 - d) To whom are you to give an account for your stewardship?
 - e) As a steward for whom are you to provide? (Your family, helpless and unfortunate ones.)

20. Read the **Memory Verse**, Matthew 6:33.

21. Use the prepared visual aid as you help the students learn the verse.

Have a brief recess at this time.

LESSON ONE - SECOND SESSION

Are You a Faithful Steward in Christian Giving?

Learning Objective: That each student apply the biblical pattern for Christian giving to his own life.

A. Before you teach:

1. Find page 4 in your *Christian Giving Plan Book*. Read carefully numbers 1 and 2 under B, "Are You a Faithful Steward in Christian Giving?"
2. Read in your Bible each scripture verse given in the second part of Lesson One.
3. Apply the truths of these verses to your life.
4. Remember, you cannot teach effectively what you have not committed yourself to do before God.
5. Prepare a poster or your choice of visual aid to teach where the tithe/offering should be given.

Bring the Lord's Money
For the Lord's Work
To the Lord's House
On the Lord's Day

B. Teaching the Lesson:

1. Begin the lesson with prayer.
2. Give lesson outline to each student, if prepared as a visual aid.
3. Ask two students, "What Bible truth did you learn about Christian giving?"
4. Ask, "What does 'steward' mean?" "Who is a steward?"
5. Ask, "Are you committed to Christian giving?"
6. Choose a good reader to read the following verses - 1 Corinthians 4:2,7; Romans 11:35,36.
7. Ask, "What does God require of a steward?"
8. Where should the tithe and offering be given (Malachi 3:10)? Use prepared visual aid.
9. Read James 1:17,18. Ask, "What relationship do you see between God and man?"
10. Ask, "Do you believe your work is honourable before God?" "Why?"
11. Ask reader to read Colossians 3:17. Give the application.
12. Read Exodus 20:8,9. Say something like, "It is good to rest one day in seven, but it is also good to work six days in seven. God commanded both."
13. Ask, "Are you faithful and honest in your work?" "Do you work as a steward of God or do you work only for money?"
14. Ask reader to read Colossians 3:23,24.

15. Revision:

- a) Who is a steward?
- b) Is every Christian a steward?
- c) Where is God's storehouse?
- d) How can we show our commitment to Christ?
- e) How can you make your work honourable?

16. Read the Memory Verse: "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (James 1:17). Teach this verse using your prepared visual aid.

17. Dismiss the class in prayer.

LESSON TWO - FIRST SESSION

How Do You Spend Your Money as a Christian?

Learning Objective: That each student evaluate Christian stewardship by rearranging his priorities as a Christian.

A. Before you teach:

1. Turn to page 4 in the *Christian Giving Plan Book* and read number 3, How do you spend your money as a Christian?
2. Apply the teaching to your present pattern of spending money.
3. Read each scripture verse in this lesson as you prepare yourself before God to teach others.
4. You can teach effectively what you have committed to God to practice in your life.
5. Prepare half sheets of paper for students to write a list of personal debts and write a plan to pay the debts. When teaching the lesson tell the class that this activity is the personal property of each person.
6. Learn the Memory Verse: "*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well*" (Matthew 6:33).

7. Prepare your visual aid to teach the verse.

8. Arrive at the church 15 minutes before class begins.

9. Arrange your teaching materials for teaching.

B. Teaching the Lesson:

1. Begin the lesson with prayer.
2. Give a lesson outline to each student, if prepared.
3. Teach a brief revision of Lesson One, no more than 10 minutes.
4. Ask, "How do you spend your money as a Christian?"
5. Emphasize that God put all things under man. Read Genesis 1:28-30.
6. Ask, "What did sin do to God's steward?" Man became a slave to possessions.
7. God has given each Christian the work of being a steward.
8. Ask a reader to read Genesis 1:26. Teach what this means.
9. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Ask, "How does this verse teach stewardship?" Answer: Man can leave the old things and become a steward of new things.
10. Ask, "Are you covetous of what you have and what others have?"
11. Read Luke 12:15,16; 16:13. Apply the verses to the students' lives.
12. Ask the reader to read Luke 12:42-48. "Do you make wise decisions in managing your money?"
13. Explain the steward's accountability to God. Read Luke 16:12.
14. Tell briefly the parable of Jesus - Matthew 25:4-30.
15. Provide for the needs of your family - 1 Timothy 5:8.
16. Care for the helpless and unfortunate. Read Leviticus 19:9,10. Tell