



Stewardship Primer

Introduction

1 Corinthians 4:2

Why a Stewardship Primer?

Many congregations continue to struggle with a decline in attendance, the lack of willing workers, a lack of financial resources to meet the mission and ministry needs of the congregation, and other issues that impact their lives together. One of the reasons for these and other challenges congregations face is that they have done little if anything in the area of ongoing, intentional, systematic Biblical stewardship education.

A primer is defined as a book that covers the basic elements of a subject. This Stewardship Primer is designed to help congregations review the basics of Christian stewardship, be an encouragement to congregations to embark on intentional, year-round stewardship education, and introduce a plan and process for congregations to use as they provide stewardship education that impacts the lives of individual stewards and the life of the congregation as a whole.

What is Included in the Stewardship Primer?

- Stewardship Primer 1 – Making the Case for Christian Stewardship
- Stewardship Primer 2 – Foundation for Christian Stewardship – Titus 2:11-15
- Stewardship Primer 3 – Fundamentals of Christian Stewardship
- Stewardship Primer 4 – Definition of Christian Stewardship
- Stewardship Primer 5 – Identity of the Christian Steward
- Stewardship Primer 6 – Stewardship is a Spiritual Issue
- Stewardship Primer 7 – Changing the Stewardship Culture
- Stewardship Primer 8 – The Chief Steward and Stewardship Champions
- Stewardship Primer 9 – Plans and Processes for Congregations
- Stewardship Primer 10 – Step by Step Resources

How is this Stewardship Primer to be used?

The stewardship committee, board, task force (or other entity charged with Christian stewardship) will find the material most helpful if they work through it together following the above sequence.

Michael Wright writes in *Yours, Lord*, “A group of people, no matter how small the group is, can take the initiative to read about, think about, pray about, and then plan to act on (*a Biblical*) understanding of Christian stewardship. This will affect, challenge, and enrich our own lives, and that of the church to which we belong” (page 9).

