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Who Is A Faithful Steward?

he faithful steward is someone who is doing the best he can with the things that God has given him. The Lord calls us to be faithful stewards in everything we do. This is why it is so important, among many things, to honor God with our time, gifts, money, health, and relationships.

We must understand that Christians are called to be faithful stewards all the time, not just on Sabbath morning when the deacons pass the offering plate. What about the stewardship of relationships? I believe it means treating others with respect and not taking anyone for granted, especially those close to us and those with whom we interact in the workplace.

When it comes to money, using it and spending it wisely, in a way that would honor the Lord, is the best course of action to become a responsible Christian steward. Honoring God with a faithful tithe (10 percent of our income) and a freewill offering is a demonstration of faith and gratefulness to God for what He has given us.

Being a steward of our health is also important. Caring for our bodies—the temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19)—is our way of saying to Him, "I'm all yours, therefore I will eat nutritionally, exercise regularly, and feed my mind spiritually."

Stewardship applies to everything we have been given. Our time, our money, our God-given gifts and abilities, our influence, our environment, it all comes from God. The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) reminds us that faithful stewards take "calculated risks" in order to multiply what they have been given. The unfaithful steward was the one, who, out of fear, decided not to take a risk and was called lazy. Luke 12:48 says, "And to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more."

Our finances tend to be the key area that people refer to when speaking of stewardship. I think the main reason is that life's resources are most quantifiable in monetary terms, besides the fact that

money is often one of the most difficult things for people to give. We may be OK with giving our energy, time, or sharing abilities, but money is not something that people give away easily, except for those with the gift of benevolence.

Remember that we come into the world with nothing and will leave with nothing. If we viewed all our possessions as merely being "on loan," we may begin to see ourselves more as "stewards" than as "possessors."

The story is told of a well-known violinist who had in his possession a violin that was a couple hundred years old and worth many hundreds of thousands of dollars. The violinist viewed himself as a steward of the instrument. He knew that many great musicians had played the instrument before he was even born. And he never thought for a moment he would be the last to play the fine instrument. He understood that the age-old violin was just temporarily passing through his hands.

The violinist's outlook on his violin illustrates the understanding of the role possessions should have in one's life. We all may possess things, but ultimately, we never own them. Hence, like the violin, the water from our faucet is not ours to waste, nor the electricity that lights our home. As wise stewards, we may use them but should never abuse them.

I close with four important principles of stewardship:

- 1. God owns everything; I own nothing.
- **2.** God entrusts me with everything that I have.
- **3.** God wants me to increase/improve what I have, not decrease/diminish it.
- **4.** God can call me into account at any time.

Are you a faithful steward? By His grace you can be faithful.

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he etymology of the word steward is taken from two words, "sty" meaning house and "weard" meaning warden. It originated from a position of trust conferred upon a dependable, faithful, and honored servant given the oversight of management of a house, an estate, or a business. It is the most trusted and honored position we can hold. We all are stewards in our homes and churches.

God is the master owner and we are servant managers or stewards. Life can be divided into four basic areas, each a gift from God. He gave us a body, abilities, time, and material possessions. In addition, we must care for the world around us, over which we were given dominion.

In this article, I will deal with tithes and offerings. As one-seventh of our time belongs to God, so does onetenth of all material things we acquire. Scripture tells us that the tithe is "holy to the Lord," symbolizing God's ownership of everything. It is to be returned to Him as His own.

Tithing is an accepted practice throughout Scripture. Abraham and Jacob practiced tithing. Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring all the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine

house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Research in the U.S. shows that in 2010, three in 10 adults reduced their giving to churches. Another study shows that 24 percent have stopped all giving to churches, 17 percent have decreased their giving by 20 percent or less, and seven percent have lowered their donations to half. They are missing a great blessing. We need to be fearless givers in fearful times.

Whatever we have is the Lords: we are only stewards. God's Word is the same yesterday, today, and forever. This is true in returning to God what belongs to Him. If we look back 20, 25, or 30 years, we see things have changed in the church worship and giving pattern also. It is not the same. We have celebration churches, young adult churches separating themselves from others, professional churches, liberal, moderate, and conservative churches. The giving habits of church members have also changed. Some still return tithe, some do not return tithe, others direct tithe to project giving.

The question is asked in Luke 16:5. "How much do we owe the Lord?" It is impossible to tell. All that we have and possess is from the Lord. As we bring our tithes and offerings as a token of loyalty to Him, His blessings shall increase our substance.

Why should we tithe?

- **The Bible teaches it.** The majority of people who tithe are not wealthy people in the things of this world, but they are wealthy in the matter of loving Christ and desiring to do His will.
- **God is good.** The Lord's mercies are new every morning. Surely God has been mighty good to every one

Giving for a Christian

is first an act

of worship.

Leon Thomassian

of us. Think of how He has blessed you down through the years.

- It pays to tithe. He said that He would bless those who tithe. Proverbs 11:25 says that the liberal soul shall be made fat. Certainly you do not want to be a lean Christian.
- We must give an account to God someday. Luke 19:13 says "Occupy till I come." When He comes back, we must give an account to Him of the way we have handled our money.

Rewards associated with tithing include abundant blessings, bountiful harvests, and treasures that will not fail. "When we are faithful with our tithe we show God that we trust His goodness, believe His word, and accept His authority"—CHRISTIAN Stewardship, p. 65.

Tithe is for the support of the gospel. Ellen G. White says, "Let no one, when brought into a strait place, take money consecrated to a religious purpose and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time"— TESTIMONIES, vol. 9, p. 247.

The use of tithe is holy. It should not be used for emergencies, nor should we apply it as we see fit, even in what we may regard as the Lord's work. The minister, the leaders of the church, should be an example to others and teach the congregation to regard the tithe as sacred.

No one should seek to improve on God's plan, because God's plan is perfect and needs no improvement. Some members have been dissatisfied with church and conference leadership and have started to withhold tithe. Will you rob God because you think the management and the administration of the work is not honest and perfect and above board? Here is what Ellen White

says about this matter, "Make your complaint, plainly and openly, in the right spirit, to the proper ones. Send in your petitions for things to be adjusted and set in order: but do not withdraw from the work of God, and prove unfaithful, because others are not doing right"-Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 249.

If we want to have financial freedom, then we should begin returning a faithful tithe. To benefit from God's wisdom and to receive His blessing, one must be faithful in returning His holy tithe. No one should expect God's blessing while robbing Him of what's due Him. On the other hand, God is eager to bless those who obey Him.

Christians cannot limit their contribution to the church by only tithing. Freewill offerings from a willing and generous heart are very important, too, to finish God's work. Offerings are needed to build, maintain, and operate churches, schools, and health institutions.

We must remember that giving for a Christian is first an act of worship. The primary purpose for tithes or offerings is to give glory to God, to recognize Him as Creator, and integrate Him into the material side of life.

Stewardship leads to the development of habits of economy and efficiency and acknowledging God as owner of everything. "The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven. . . . On the other hand, the spirit of selfishness is the spirit of Satan"—The ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, p. 339. "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin"—James 4:17.

Jesus took note of a poor widow who cast two small coins into the temple treasury. He is watching us also. Let us return a faithful tithe and offering. 1



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By Trudy Wright

Adventist Education — Focusing on the Positive

tatistics show that when the home, the church, and the Adventist school all provide a caring and nurturing environment, not only do we have the best chance of keeping our children and youth in our church, but they gain an intrinsic faith in God and His saving grace through Jesus Christ. Is the world creeping in to the environment where you have responsibility? Perhaps you are a parent or grandparent who has the responsibility of the home. Maybe you are a leader or could be a leader in the church or Sabbath School. Maybe you have leadership responsi-

prayer, service, and our finances.

- We can share our Adventist beliefs and world view with clear biblical explanations.
- We can teach about God through nature and the Bible.
- We can be consistent in our Adventist lifestyle and cultural standards and teach through a biblical view, pointing to an affirming lifestyle.
- We can be a witnessing model,

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community that are designed to help people see the

bilities in one of our schools or sit on the school board. You are a leader to someone somewhere.

It is better to be proactive rather than reactive in just about anything, and it is important for us to stop focusing on what can't be done or shouldn't be done, and focus on what we can be and what we can do.

- We can all be models of integrity and grace through the power of God.
- We can support the home, the church, and the school through

teaching how to witness and providing witnessing opportunities.

- We can provide well-supervised, relevant, wholesome, and healthful activities.
- We can lead out in service-oriented activities in our community that are designed to help people see the love of God in our lives.
- · We can be involved in and encourage Sabbath School and church attendance.

- We can be promoters of Seventhday Adventist Christian education.
- We can do everything possible to provide our children, grandchildren, and relatives a Seventh-day Adventist education.
- We can give to the worthy student fund of an Adventist school that allows students access to a Seventhday Adventist Christian education.

These are the kinds of positive protection we can surround our children and youth with that will keep the world from creeping in and give a firm foundation for eternal longevity. There are many things that can draw our children and youth away from God, including the Internet; violence; immorality; spiritualistic games; movies and television; worldly companions; drugs; and more.

Let's focus on what we can be and what we can do. Let's make the home, the church, and the Adventist church school the most appealing place to be and do. Jesus said, "If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand"-Mark 3:25.0



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Highlighting Atlantic Union Conference Youth and Youth Adults

Young Adventists, Then and Now

Young Adventist Then: William Warren Prescott

William Warren Prescott was born in September 1855 in Alton, New Hampshire. When he was three, his parents became Sabbath-keeping Adventists. He was baptized at the age of 17 by John Nevins Andrews at the Massachusetts camp meeting. In 1873, he enrolled at Dartmouth College, and as the only Seventh-day Adventist there, he personally appealed to the president to be excused from classes on Sabbath. His appeal was granted for his entire four years there.

After his graduation in 1877, Prescott served as a high school principal in Vermont. On July 8, 1880, at the age of 24, he married 22-year-old Sarah Sanders. He also published and edited newspapers in Maine. Historians say that William's involvement in political and educational reform made him, at times, the target of controversy and criticism.

In 1885, at the age of 30, William Warren Prescott accepted the call to become the president of Battle Creek College and, together with his wife, moved to Michigan. In 1887, at the age of 32, while still president, he was chosen to be the education secretary for the General Conference.

One of the many highlights in the life of the young college president took place surrounding the 1888 Minneapolis General Conference Session. Prescott sided with leaders of the General Conference and opposed the message of Justification by Faith, as presented by young pastors Jones and Waggoner. Soon after the session Prescott spoke, wept, confessed his opposition publicly at the college, and began to teach the same lessons



William Warren Prescott

on Justification by Faith. He also allowed pastors Jones and Waggoner to speak to the students of Battle Creek College.

Prescott served the church for 52 years in many capacities, becoming a prime example of what young adults can do for the church and the world when they are given an opportunity to serve and lead.

Young Adventist Now: Shakir Amory

Chakir Amory was born in Bermuda in August 1993. He was baptized in the summer of 2006, and today is among the committed young adults of the Bermuda Conference. In the fall of 2011, he and some friends started BrightSide, a ministry to help others. At the moment, there are about 10 individuals working with him, all under the age of 21. Of those, only three attend church on a weekly basis. So this ministry not only demonstrates the love of God to those in need, but also to some of the team members.

BrightSide's motto is "Why have a life and not help someone else?" Amory says they try to help everyone who crosses their path and needs help. Asked why he started BrightSide, Amory replied, "Because it was needed." When BrightSide is unable to help, they will direct the individual to someone who can.

Currently, BrightSide is sponsored by the Bermuda Conference Adventist Community Services Department and its director, Howard Ebbin, who occasionally directs them to people in need.

At present,

BrightSide has a weekly feeding program that has been active for about three months in cooperation with a local church. The program provides food at the church and also delivers food to people in the community.



Stefan Burton-Schnüll is the Bermuda Conference interim Adventist Youth

Ministries director.



Leadership Training Seminars Graduate 107



Soundview Spanish church celebrated a great victory with the graduates of the leadership training seminars and the seven people who were baptized.

o equip, engage, and encourage is the mission of the leadership training seminars held at the Soundview Spanish church in Bronx, New York. The leadership training began early in 2012. Members of Soundview Spanish and sister church, Bailey Spanish, gathered for the seminars sponsored by the Greater New York Conference's Hispanic Ministries Department. The purpose of the seminars was to equip small group leaders to lead groups to successfully minister and witness.

The leadership training, facilitated by Abel Rosario, the church's pastor, was extended to the church during weekly meetings, where they were also informed about the church's evangelism plan. On June 23, Soundview church celebrated a great victory with 107 graduates of the Bible study class and seven baptisms. of which three were youth. These are the fruits of 16 small groups.

Though Soundview Spanish rejoices for the wonderful work the Spirit of God has done, the

church recognizes this is but a small battle won and, therefore, they continue to work for greater victories. Soundview church's Personal Ministries department has organized the 16 small groups in such a way that no corner of Soundview's community is left unattended. It is the mission of the church to shine the light of truth and expand to territories still waiting to learn of the good news of Jesus Christ.

"The mission of the small groups is to sow, cultivate, and harvest," says Rosario.

This is discipleship. The calling to preach to all people extends in New York City through the NY13 evangelistic outreach plan. Soundview Spanish church has responded by praying, giving Bible studies, and using other strategic methods of evangelism.

Soundview Spanish church presses on, working hand-in-hand with Jesus, that many more may welcome Him as Lord and Savior

-Keila Pinales, communication director, Soundview Spanish church

New York Southern Asian Company Meets Community Needs

The New York Southern Asian ■ company is a multi-language institution that uses various languages such as Punjabi, Hindi, and English, to meet the spiritual needs of its community.

With spirit-filled vigor, the church is on the move to win souls for the Lord. Recently, Samuel Masih, the church's pastor, gave a Bible study to a young man by the name of Rajiv Kumar, who was not aware of the Sabbath truth and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After receiving Bible studies, he decided to join the New York Southern Asian company.

He was baptized on July 7 at Camp Berkshire. His mother, Victoria Masih, was baptized in 2010 at Camp Berkshire. Currently, Pastor Masih is meeting with Kumar's father for Bible study so that he may also know the truth and one day soon, join the church.

-Malvika Samuel, communication director, New York Southern Asian company



Pastor Samuel Masih, right, baptises Rajiv Kurmar at Camp Berkshire.

Poughkeepsie Spanish Church Purchases Armory Building

The Poughkeepsie $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{L}}$ Spanish church will soon be the owners of the Poughkeepsie Armory building on Market Street in the city of Poughkeepsie. On August 2, the state auctioned off the 23,000 square-foot building to the highest of three bidders, the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The facility, built in 1981, is situated on a half acre of land.

"To God be the glory! This is to share the wonders of our loving Lord. On August 2, the Poughkeepsie Spanish church set a new mark of faith by purchasing an important building in the city of Poughkeepsie. The legendary armory contains a large first floor for approximately 1,000 people. Pastor

Lloyd Scharffenberg and I went to the auction with some of my church parishioners. Meanwhile, the whole congregation was praying. By the grace of God, we won the bid. We thank God for those who were praying on our behalf. We are in love with the idea to have this site ready for NY13," said Carlos Aragones, the church's pastor.

The building became available when the state moved the last remaining Army Reserve unit to a new, consolidated facility.

The following information about the building was included in a news article printed by Midhudsonnews. com: "Listed on both national and state registers of historic places, the armory



The Poughkeepsie Spanish church will soon be the owners of the Poughkeepsie Armory building on Market Street in the city of Poughkeepsie.

was once home of the 15th Separate Company, a local militia unit of the New York Army National Guard that dates back to the Spanish-American War. The facility most recently housed the 101st Signal Battalion."

G. Earl Knight, GNYC president, says "This is a tremendous acquisition for the church. One can see the clear handy-work of God in the way this has come to pass. This building will be an asset to the churches in upstate New York and the community at large."

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Victory Church Celebrates Grand Opening of Garden

ore than 100 wor-Mshippers gathered late in the afternoon on July 29 for the dedication service of a special garden on the grounds of Victory church in Bronx, New York. The event, attended by current and previous pastors, members, and community guests, was a success. G. Earl Knight, president of the Greater New York Conference. assisted Cheryl Wright, wife of the current pastor, with the ribbon-cutting.

"All praise be to God who has allowed us, through the help of contributors, the artistic skill of members and friends, along with the prayers of the members, to have made this day a reality," says Ernie Wright, Jr., the church's pastor. The Victory Garden was the culmination of the work and prayers of many and

the opening was a heartfelt moment for the members of the church, who diligently spent time and funds to see the project come to fruition.

poetry, and musical items were presented by Warren, Ir., and Brianna Brady. Hands of Praise, and the Sanctuary Choir.



Greater New York Conference president G. Earl Knigt joined Victory church's pastor Ernie Wright, Jr., for the dedication service of the church's Victory Garden.

Beginning with great fanfare by the Pathfinder drum corps and flag-bearing color guards, many people took part in the ceremony. Hugh Maynard-Reid, a former pastor, offered the prayer of dedication. Words of praise,

The Victory Garden, which includes flowers. trees, and a fountain, is another successfully completed phase of Operation Restore, a project started by the church members to renew and rededicate

the church building and its surrounding real estate to continued service to God and the community. Going forward, the core group, under the Operation H.O.P.E program (Victory church's van ministry whose focus is health, outreach, power to cope, and education), hope to build a greater connection with the community and help to assimilate the church's new members through various awareness events.

Grand openings are exciting, but they are only beginnings. For the members of the Victory church, it is a symbol of the beginning of a new era of recommitment to God through service.

-Jo Ann Ephraim, communication director, Victory church

Children's Ministries Camp Meeting Focuses on God's Awesome Universe

he Bermuda Conference Children's Ministries Department held an exciting program at camp meeting this year. Their host, Mike Faison, presenter/lecturer, blasted them off into space using the theme "To Infinity and Beyond," teaching the children about God's awesome universe. The nightly attendance was around 70 children. However, each Sabbath, more than 200 children attended.



Children from the various churches participated in the children's camp meeting held in the lower level of the Southampton church.

for the parade. They wore glittering stars, colorful planets, comets, rockets and moons, accompanied by space smoke and space music, all making up a spectacular display representing God's universe.

Reading the account of Creation in Genesis opens the mind to a new understanding of the universe. The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their beauty and brightness

Mike Faison, presenter/lecturer, was the presenter at the Bermuda Conference children's ministries camp meeting.

(1 Corinthians 15:41). Every time we look up into the night sky, it should give us cause to praise God for His breathtaking creation. For indeed David declares in Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."

-Barbara Burton-Schnüll, children's ministries secretary, Bermuda Conference

The leaders and some youth helpers worked tirelessly to decorate the hall and passage to represent space. There were glow in the dark stars and moons, spinning planets hung from the ceiling, and space rockets.

Astronauts, dressed in white space suits and silver backpacks, greeted the children and adults each night. Such expressions as "Wow" could be heard as children and adults entered the dark but glowing universe filled with steams of light and calming space music to set the ambience.

Faison spoke to the chil-

dren about the universe, explaining that "the billions of stars, clouds of dust, gases, the mind-boggling expanse in the bleak emptiness of deep outer space with black holes that go into infinity, the entirety of everything that exists, is what we call the universe." It is God's awesome creation that His Son Jesus Christ is holding together by His awesome power (Colossians 1:17).

On the last Sabbath, the children held a solar parade displaying God's awesomeness. Throughout the week the children participated in making costumes to wear



Reflections on Camp Meeting 2012

amp Meeting 2012 in the New York ∟ Conference not only made memories, but reflected on many memories from the past. The 150th anniversary of the conference was celebrated this year. In honor of this occasion, many of the meetings featured the "appearances" of several pioneers of the church,



Teachers Apryl Maloon and Suzy Gloudeman were dedicated to the ministry of teaching during the Teacher Commissioning Service on the first weekend of camp meeting.



Gary Wagner, pastor, baptizes Moses Ntekereze.



Florencio Zabala, New York Conference treasurer, baptizes Nicole Onciulescu.

including Martha Byington, the first Adventist school teacher (portrayed by Judi Eells), Ellen and James White (Rita Hoshino and Dennis Farley, respectively), Lucy and William Miller (Linda and Jim Everhart), Uriah and Annie Smith (Fred and Kathe Burghardt), J. N. Andrews (John Livergood), David Arnold (Don Bozarth), Frederick Wheeler (Chris Kober), and Hiram Edson (Howard Krug). Each participant dressed in a period costume, as did some of the

constituents. Horse-drawn buggy rides were also offered.

Speakers for the event included Dedrick Blue. senior pastor of the Ephesus church in New York, on the first weekend; Rick Kuntz, a pastor and conference evangelist in the Northern New England Conference, throughout the week; and Bill Knott, editor of the Adventist Review, on the second weekend. Brian Strayer, professor of history at Andrews University, presented sto-

ries of the pioneers during his weekly morning seminars. While each of these speakers admonished those who attended camp meeting to learn and benefit from the past, they also inspired them to look forward to the soon return of Iesus. Other events that cre-

ated positive new memories included a teacher commissioning service on the first weekend. Teachers Apryl Maloon and Suzy Gloudeman were dedicated to the ministry of teaching. As in the past, camp meeting events included outreach to the community through a 5K run and a health fair. The second Sabbath was special with the baptism of seven individuals.

Throughout the event, there were reminders that the members are not hoping to celebrate another 150 years on this earth, rather, they are longing for the soon return of Jesus as did the Adventist pioneers.

—Kim Kaiser, communication director, New York Conference



Horse-drawn buggy rides were available for those attending the New York Conference camp meeting.



Reflecting on New York Conference's 150-year history, several participants dressed in period costumes and played the part of some of the early pioneers.

Horeb Church Features "66 Books in 66 Days" Bible Program

he Horeb French- I speaking church in Brooklyn, New York, embarked on a journey of intense Bible study, beginning on March 31, in which church members and visitors from the community joined nightly to explore a different book of the Bible, featuring one orator per week. The objectives of the "66 Books in 66 Days" program were to promote an educated and intentional return to the study of the Bible, reminding members of Bible truths and the foundation for their beliefs; and to open the eyes of the faithful Christians and non-Christians on the contents of this holy Book. As a result of the meetings, seven people decided to surrender their lives to Jesus through baptism.

Each speaker had one hour at his disposal. Thirty minutes were allocated to the presentation of the book, keeping in mind the author, message, time period, recipient, setting, place, and more. During the remainder of the time, a sermon drawn from the studied book was presented, whose purpose was to urge the audience to decide for

heaven and life. A summary of the message was handed out at the end of each service.

The program was streamed live on the Internet. Under the leadership of Othnel Pierre, the church's pastor, the program was orchestrated

to have one of its own as a preacher in a program with such high ranks." Emile and Abraham Jules, pastor of the Mount Vernon church, both preached in English, accompanied by interpreters.

Everyone participated in promoting the program—some online and



Newly-baptized members sit in the front row of the Horeb church during the "66 Books in 66 Days" Bible program.

so that no church members were left out because of language barriers. The church is comprised of French/Creole and Englishspeaking members.

One of the youth from the church, Vick Emile, an elder, was among the presenters. According to Pastor Pierre. "It is an honor to the church

some by word of mouth. Every Sabbath, a dramatic presentation of Bible events conducted by Jodel T. Regis, the first elder, and his wife, Magalie, depicted Bible characters from the seven Bible books that were studied that week.

The 66 days officially ended on June 4, but Pierre thought it was appropriate to prolong the program until June 9 for a grand Sabbath finale. During the final week of program, Jean Rénald Maurice, Bible worker at Salem church, called attention to some of the apocalyptic events and included visual aids in his presentation. Among them were clips from the January 2010 Haiti earthquake, reminding the audience of their vulnerability and that their security is rooted only in Christ Jesus.

At the culmination of the program, Maurice delivered a message of hope titled, "The Fourth Man of the Furnace." Taking the congregation back to the time of Nebuchadnezzar and the three Hebrew youth, Maurice highlighted the never-ending power of Yahweh to save His children in times of need. It is the church's desire that one day. individuals who followed this program will capture the solemnity of the time and join this church and endeavor to show the world the way of salvation.

-Nicole Benoit-Roy, member, Horeb church

Medical Missionaries Advocate Health and Happiness for 2013 and Beyond

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m A}$ n estimated 87 cn Members from 38 churches in three conferences—Allegheny East, Greater New York, and Northeastern-graduated from the 10-day Medical Missionary Training Program held on July 22. The training program, which began on July 13, was spearheaded by the Northeastern Conference Health Ministries

Department, under the leadership of Leroy Daley, the conference's health and personal ministries director and NY13 health coordinator. The training program was designed to prepare members for NY13, a major evangelistic initiative planned for 2013 in the metro New York City area.

Participants met for eight hours a day at the North

Bronx church in Bronx, New York. "This is the second largest group we have had in the New York metro area," said Daley. "I envision scores of small groups of medical missionaries incorporating health into the gospel message, and giving hundreds of home. church, and office health seminars. They will build relationships and bridges with non-Adventists who

will be invited to evangelistic programs."

The wealth of knowledge imparted to the participants is almost unattainable elsewhere as the medical missionaries were schooled in such topics as the Bible and health, health evangelism, hypertension, cancer, diabetes, natural remedies, alternative medicine, weight management, massage, mental health,



Group photo of individuals who attended the Medical Missionary Training Program at the North Bronx church in Bronx, New York.

and the eight natural laws of health—nutrition, exercise, water, sunshine, temperance, air, rest, and trust in divine power (NEWSTART).

The graduates were determined to rise to the challenge of the graduation theme, "Health and Happiness for 2013," and each made commitments to make a literal NEW START. Among them was the youngest medical missionary, 13-year-old Joseph Nwankpa of the New Rochelle church, who testified of the indelible mark the program has left on him. "I am eager to improve my health and that of my family," he said. "I want to tell the whole world about the health message."

The eldest of the medical missionaries, 80-year-old Pearl Alleyne of the North Bronx congregation, who looked like a 40-year-old, showed obvious signs that practicing the eight laws of health can make one look and feel younger. Clarence Harris of the Pennsylvania church was overwhelmed

with gratitude and testified that he has had a lifechanging experience. "The experience and training added a kind of consciousness that adds meaning and relevance to the Christian walk. It was phenomenal!" he said.

In addressing the graduates, keynote speaker Donnieval Walker, senior pastor of the North Bronx church, said, "These 10 days helped me to understand the gospel a little better." Walker, who also took part in the training program, said he was most thankful that it was hosted in the church he pastors and took the opportunity to welcome similar programs in the future. He commended the other four pastors who participated in the program and who have committed to supporting the health message in their congregations: Gerome Leacock, Willis Avenue church; Charles McNeil, Riverdale and Dimensions of Hope churches; Okezie Erondu, Co-op City church; and Neil Turner, North Bronx

church. "Remember, the objective of medical missionaries is to point sin-sick souls to the Man of Calvary" Walker said.

Leacock said, "The program will awaken a religious experience." The culinary staff, headed by

Sherolin Daley, was praised for the total plant-based vegetarian dishes that were prepared.

This program brings the total number of medical missionaries—including those in Jamaica and Uganda—to an estimated 672 since its launch in 2009. A number of individuals from all levels of the church and outside institutions were presenters for the program. The medical missionary staff will continue to fervently and faithfully work toward the fulfillment of Ellen G. White's prophecy: "We shall see the medical missionary work broadening and deepening at every point of its progress, because of the inflowing of hundreds and thousands of streams, until the whole earth is covered as the waters cover the sea"-MEDICAL MINISTRY, p. 317.

—Melody Walker-Brown, member, Peekskill-Cortlandt church



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Rutland Church is Active in Prison Ministry

Mark Varian heads up community outreach for the Rutland church in Rutland, Vermont, and has felt the Lord leading him in the area of prison ministries. In June 2011, he began a weekly Bible study at the local correctional facility. Just the fact that he was able to get into the facility to share

the truth is a miracle of God.

Many correctional facilities and prisons are difficult to get into because of administrative rules or other programs that the facilities have already in place to fill the time that would be available for a ministry such as the one Varian is spearheading. Varian has taken



Mark Varian, who heads up the community outreach at Rutland church, conducts Bible studies at the local correctional facility.

the words of Jesus found in Matthew 25:36 to heart and stepped out in faith to present truth to those that have, in many cases, hit rock bottom. "In our busy world it's hard to really get through to people. They don't want to listen or they don't have time. God put me where people were going to listen," says Varian.

Varian has personally seen the adverse effects that alcohol and drugs can have on someone, and has experienced the miracles of God first-hand as God has helped him overcome and gain victory! "He made my life a success, because I put my life in His hands. You want to be a living example of what Christ can do for you and how He can take you out of those

situations. I feel I can really relate with much of what is going on with these men."

Most of the men that Varian studies with each week have little or no experience with God, so he has tailored the Bible studies just for those in attendance. Varian is planting seeds of truth in the hearts of men whose futures are uncertain. However, he shares his contact information with his students so that when they are released, they can contact him to continue studying, attend church, or simply pray together. Only eternity will reveal the fruit of this ministry that the Savior has begun in Rutland.

—Brian P. Milano, pastor, Rutland Church

Healthy Hearts Program Takes Off

he Lord has been work-**⊥** ing in Northern Maine. The right arm of the gospel, the health message, seems to be the message of the hour. Since moving to Northern Maine, it is evident that even mentioning religion will often shut people down. They do not want to hear anything about religion. Surveys written with religious questions will not be filled out; however, the one area that they seem to have a great interest in is health. In surveys done in Madawaska, health was one of the biggest concerns of the local population.

The Cary Medical Center received a grant from the producers of *Forks over Knives*, a documentary film on healthy lifestyles, to create a program to reverse heart disease using an entirely plant-based diet. The program is called Healthy Hearts. It is a com-

prehensive program paid for entirely through *Forks over Knives*. Those going through the program generally don't know how to eat healthfully and require additional education. This is where the Adventists come in.

Cheryl Matowitz, along with Kelly Cross, has been conducting cooking schools

In Madawaska a screening of *Forks over Knives* was held. Nineteen people from the community attended. None of them were Adventists. Dennis Bange, the Bible worker in Madawaska, went shopping at Walmart a few days later and met one of the individuals who attended the screening. Bange

People are getting to know that Seventh-day Adventists are concerned about the well-being of others.

for the Healthy Hearts program in Presque Isle and Caribou. Though the name Seventh-day Adventist may not be on the program, people are getting to know that Seventh-day Adventists are concerned about the well-being of others. People often call with questions or for a recipe.

noticed that the person's cart was full of fruits and vegetables. When the individual saw him, she said, "We are really trying to make some changes in our diet. Are you going to be holding some cooking classes soon? We would really like to be there." Because the cooking classes were preceded by a

showing of Forks over Knives, and a cooking school would be right in line with the Healthy Hearts program, it was suggested that the Cary Medical Center be contacted to see if they would be willing to assist. Representatives from the medical center agreed to pay for all advertising related to the cooking school and ran radio and newspaper ads promoting it.

It is amazing to see how God is working through the health message in Northern Maine. Not only is it reaching people, but others are even paying the expenses. This is a reminder of Jesus, who gives healing without money and without price. When God wants a message to go out, it will go out. It is important to be ready to cooperate with Him. Time is short, Jesus is coming soon.

—Jonathon Cross, pastor, Oakfield and Presque Isle churches



Community Outreach Big Focus for Keene Church

For the past several months, the Keene church in New Hampshire has been focusing on outreach. Monthly cooking classes are taught by Country Life and The Mission, a local medical missionary training school. Church members and people from the community are learning to cook and eat healthy food.

Church member Debra Holway organized a weekly Sabbath community outreach event. Members delivered home-baked bread and baskets to the community, visited and sang in a nursing home, conducted prayer walks, and handed out surveys. They've made themselves known in the local community.

The Warner family, Pat, Rosa, Nikki, and Daniel, organized a cupcake giveaway one Sabbath afternoon, and more than 600 plantbased cupcakes were distributed. People from the community could not believe the cupcakes were made without dairy and egg products.

The Keene church is witnessing baptisms and re-baptisms as a result of the outreach activities.

The Keene church was responsible for a summer service at the Washington church. More than 50 people attended the worship service at the historic church that Sabbath. Lance Wilbur, co-director of The

Mission, presented the sermon. "What Do You See?"

Keene church is also conducting intense Wednesday-night Bible studies, led by Andre Waller, causing those who attend to look at their lives more closely and to make changes. A Resurrection music program was held that brought many new faces to the church. Richard Houck has organized a strong Bible study correspondence program for the community, and they are receiving positive results and comments.

The Keene church is witnessing baptisms and re-baptisms as a result of the outreach activities. God is their strength and director.

—Greg Perry, communication correspondent, Keene church

Barre-Montpelier Church Forms Bags of Love Chapter

ONNECted We Make →a Difference." This statement is increasingly becoming the mission of the Barre-Montpelier church in Barre, Vermont. Members want to connect, not only to one another, but also with the community.

The Barre-Montpelier church formed a chapter of It's My Very Own Bags of Love on April 22. This community outreach program was founded by Barbara Neher of Kentucky in January 2005 and has spread across the U.S. with more than 44 chapters.

The organization is all about providing the essentials and a little more, to children who are removed from their homes because of an unsafe environment. What makes these "bags of love" so special is the time, energy, and, of course, love that the women of the church put into each handcrafted quilt, blanket, and bag.

The Barre-Montpelier church is the second chapter of Bags of Love in the state of Vermont. They have joined hands with the Department of Children and Families Family Services Division (DCF-FSD) to aid in bringing compassion and love to hurting children within Washington County.

So far, this ministry has met twice at the church, with 12 to 15 women attending each time. They have produced 10 bags, that have already been given to DCF-FSD. On the very first day the completed bags were delivered, they learned that a young teenage girl received one of the "bags of love."

It is a blessing that DCF-FSD has allowed the members to be a part of touching the lives of children and is allowing the church to have an impact on the community.

—Brian Bilbrey, pastor, Barre-Montpelier and Randolph churches

148th Bordoville Anniversary **Homecoming Sabbath**

Chester A. Arthur Road off Route 108 West Enosburg, VT. 06941

> September 15, 2012 9:50 a.m.

Sabbath School:

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Picnic fellowship lunch following morning services. Please bring foods already prepared. Limited kitchen facilities.

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Pathfinders Pull Together at Camporee



office. There was also a Master Guide Investiture recognizing the achievements of Pastor Israel Mora (Waterbury Spanish, New Britain Spanish, and Danbury Nuevo Horizonte churches) and Daniel Mendoza (assistant youth

in the Youth Ministries

Josúe Feliciano, Southern New England Conference Youth Ministries director. with Quinebaug Pathfinder Club baptismal candidates, Angelica and Joshua Rodriguez; and Magda Rodriguez, mom and club director.

he Pathfinder year at Southern New England Conference (SNEC) ended with excitement as Pathfinders gathered to celebrate their spring camporee. This year the event was held May 18-20 at Camp Berkshire in Wingdale, New York. More than 1,000 Pathfinders and staff "pulled together" to fellowship and work on AY honors, but most importantly, draw closer to Jesus Christ. The featured speaker for the weekend was Josúe Feliciano, SNECs youth ministries director.

From left are Glorimar Teixeira, Southern New England Conference Master Guide specialist and youth ministries training coordinator; Pete Maldonado, Danbury-Bethel church pastor, offering the dedication prayer; Israel Mora, pastor of the Waterbury, New Britain, and Danbury Spanish churches; and Daniel Mendoza, assistant youth leader at the Worcester Airport church.

Among the highlights of the camporee was the handwritten Bible in which Pathfinders were assigned portions of Scripture to transcribe by hand. Those pages were compiled into binders that will be kept

leader at the Worcester Airport church). The pinnacle of the weekend was the baptism of three Pathfinders, Angelica and Joshua Rodriguez from the Quinebaug Pathfinder Club, and Bryan Gomez from the

Danbury Soldados de Jesus Pathfinder Club.

Facebook user Eric Jean-Baptiste of the Bethel-Bethel Haitian church posted: "You know God is working when kids come up to you, though they slept in tents for two nights with no access to television and video games, and say 'I wish camporee was longer' God is good!"

We pray that every Pathfinder will be inspired to commit their life to Iesus, that they cherish the wonderful memories made through Christian fellowship, and that they share what they have learned with other young people throughout the SNEC territory. Most importantly, we want our youth to foster true faith in Jesus, to keep a song in their hearts, and to be anointed by the Holy Spirit so they can "pull together" to spread the Advent message to the entire world in their generation.

—Glorimar Teixeira, Master Guide conference coordinator, and Steven Dovich, Pathfinder area coordinator, Southern New England Conference

SNEC Women Featured in Local Newspaper

lice Jacobson, extcolored extConference (SNEC) Women's Ministries director, says she is proud of the women of SNEC. She is excited about several photos that appeared in the local news section of the June 28, 2012, SENTINEL & Enterprise under the title "A Little Pampering Goes a Long Way." The women from the Southern New England Conference were featured for their treatment and care of women affected

by domestic violence.

"Our SNEC camp meeting outreach, Women Caring for Women, is designed so that our women will experience the joy that comes from serving women in need-in this case those who have endured abusive relationships—giving them a time to be refreshed and cared for by women showing God's love. Our hope is that this will inspire the SNEC women to return to their home churches and start outreach for women in need

in their communities," says Iacobson. The women have visited two shelters for battered women in the South Lancaster area for the past two years on the Wednesday during camp meeting.

"Women's ministries is an exciting ministry in the Southern New England Conference, demonstrating the love and compassion of Christ," says Frank Tochterman, Southern New England Conference president.

-Ednor A. P. Davison, GLEANER editor



Women affected by domestic violence receive a day of treatment and care from women from the Southern New England Conference women's ministries group.



Church Member Uses Free Programs on Local Cable Access Channel

Michael Amaral has a vision for using television. He wants to share biblical insights with everyone in his hometown. However, it's all but impossible to knock on every door and offer Bible studies. He also wants local church members to be better prepared for Sabbath School before they arrive at church.

Peering over the edge of "the box" we're all supposed to think outside of, he was struck with inspiration. What he did next, though not radical, was profound. Amaral first visited his local cable company in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and met personally with the manager. It turns out that the manager was interested in offering a well-produced, straightforward Bible-study program to his subscribers.

"Cable access is an underutilized resource. It's an easy and free way to spread the gospel message quickly," says Amaral. "All cable companies are required by law to offer a channel and studio for community members to use."

Amaral then contacted Hope Channel, and asked for free programming to place on the cable

access channel. His phone call led him to Frenita Buddy, producer of Hope Channel's Hope Sabbath School, who was happy to help. She sent a month's worth of DVDs from one of the network's most responded-to programs.

"We were given the 5:30 p.m. slot on Sundays by the cable company,"

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says Amaral. "We get the DVDs free from Hope Channel in batches of several weeks at a time, so we always have the right lesson for the right week so church members and community people can follow along. Hope Channel even has links at their Web site for the online quarterly lessons.

"My biggest hope is that viewers will get interested in our message. Hope Sabbath School gives people an in-depth, not superficial, study.

It is scholarly without being dry, and it's down-to-earth. I think people here will like it," says Amaral.

"We are delighted that Michael contacted Hope Channel about sponsoring Hope Sabbath School on the New Bedford public access channel," says Buddy. "We support his efforts to spread the gospel. This is something others can duplicate around the country. We look forward to helping other church members who want to work with their local cable companies."

Hope Channel offers several other programs so that church members can choose a program they think will minister best to their community. By using the cable company's free studio and equipment, local churches can add a local message, such as an invitation to church or an announcement of prophecy or healthy lifestyle seminars.

Hope Sabbath School or other Hope Channel programs for use on your cable access station may be obtained by contacting Hope Channel at (301) 680-6689 or info@HopeTV.org.

—Scott M. Steward, Marketing Representative, Hope Channel

2012 and the End of the World Prophecy Seminar



Speaker Steve Wohlberg Director, White Horse Media

October 5-7, 2012

Worcester State University; Sullivan Auditorium 486 Chandler Street; Worcester, Massachusetts

Friday, October 5	7:15 p.m.
Sabbath, October 6	11:15 a.m.
Sabbath, October 6	2:00 p.m.
Sabbath, October 6	3:30 p.m.
Sabbath, October 6	4:45 p.m.
Sunday, October 7	7:15 p.m.

"2012: The Year of the End?"

"How to Prepare for the Apocalypse" "The Issue that Divides the World" Musical Concert with local artists "September 11 and the Mark of the Beast"

Meeting will be hosted at one of the Worcester churches. Venue and topic to be announced.

Children's programming for ages 0-12 at all meetings. Translation head sets (Spanish, French, Portuguese) will also be available. This evangelistic program is for the whole community. Bring a friend.

Duoi de Neuf? A Travers l'Eglise Mondiale

Oui est un fidèle intendant?

e fidèle intendant, c'est quelqu'un qui fait le mieux qu'il peut avec les choses que Dieu lui a données. Le Seigneur nous appelle à être des intendants fidèles en tout ce que nous faisons. C'est pourquoi il est si important d'honorer Dieu en tout temps, avec notre temps, nos talents, notre argent, notre santé, et nos relations.

Nous devons comprendre que les chrétiens sont appelés à être des intendants fidèles tout le temps, pas seulement le sabbat matin, quand les diacres passent les sébiles. Qu'en est-il de l'intendance des relations? Je crois que cela signifie traiter les autres avec respect et ne pas en les prendre pour acquis, en particulier ceux qui sont proches de nous et ceux avec lesquels nous interagissons dans le lieu de travail.

L'intendance s'applique à toutes choses qui nous ont été données. Notre temps, notre argent, nos talents et aptitudes, notre influence, notre environnement, toutes ces choses viennent de Dieu. La parabole des talents (Matthieu 25:14-30) nous rappelle que des intendants fidèles prennent des risques calculés" afin de multiplier ce qu'ils ont reçu. L'intendant infidèle est celui qui, par peur, a décidé de ne pas prendre un risque et a été appelé paresseux. Luc 12:48 (LSG) déclare: "On demandera beaucoup à qui l'on a beaucoup donné, et on exigera davantage de celui à qui l'on a beaucoup confié."

Nos finances semblent être le secteur clé auquel les gens se réfèrent quand on parle de l'intendance. Je

L'histoire est racontée d'un violoniste très connu qui avait en sa possession un violon qui était âgé de cent ans et d'une valeur de plusieurs centaines de milliers de dollars. Le violoniste lui-même se considérait comme un intendant de l'instrument. Il savait que beaucoup de grands musiciens ont joué de l'instrument avant qu'il ne soit pas encore né. Et il n'a jamais pensé un instant qu'il serait le dernier à jouer ce joli instrument. Il a compris que le vieux violon ne faisait qu'un passage temporaire par ses mains.

Les perspectives du violoniste de son violon illustrent la compréhension du rôle possessions devraient jouer dans la vie de quelqu'un. Nous pouvons tous posséder des choses, mais en réalité, nous ne les possédons pas. Par conséquent, comme le violon, l'eau de notre robinet n'est pas la nôtre à gaspiller, ni l'électricité qui éclaire notre maison. À titre d'intendants sages, nous pouvons les utiliser, mais ne devrions jamais en abuser.

Je termine avec quatre principes importants de l'intendance:

- 1. Dieu possède tout, je ne possède rien.
- 2. Dieu me confie tout ce que j'ai.
- 3. Dieu veut que j'augmente / améliore ce que j'ai, non pas que je le diminue.
- 4. Dieu peut m'appeler en compte à tout moment.

Êtes-vous un intendant fidèle? Par Sa grâce, vous pouvez être fidèle.

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"Nous pouvons tous posséder des choses, mais en réalité, nous ne les possédons jamais."

Quand il s'agit de l'argent, l'utiliser et de le dépenser à bon escient, d'une manière qui honore le Seigneur, est le meilleur plan d'action pour devenir un intendant chrétien responsable. Honorer Dieu avec une dîme fidèle (10 pour cent de notre revenu) et des offrandes volontaires est une démonstration de foi et de gratitude à Dieu pour ce qu'Il nous a donné.

Être un gardien de notre santé est également important. Prendre soin de notre corps – le temple de Dieu (1 Corinthiens 6:19), c'est notre façon de dire à Jésus: "Je suis tout à toi, donc, je vais manger de manière nutritionnel, pratiquer de l'exercice physique régulièrement, et de nourrir mon esprit spirituellement."

pense que la raison principale est que les ressources de la vie sont les plus quantifiables en termes monétaires, outre le fait que l'argent est souvent l'une des choses les plus difficiles pour les gens à donner. Nous pouvons donner notre énergie, notre temps, ou même partager nos capacités, mais l'argent n'est pas quelque chose que les gens donnent facilement, sauf ceux qui ont le don de la bienfaisance.

Rappelez-vous que nous entrons dans le monde avec rien et laisserons sans rien. Si nous considérons toutes nos possessions comme étant simplement un "prêt," nous pouvons commencer à nous voir comme étant "intendants" que "possesseurs."

Qué Está Pasando? En la Iglesia Mundial

¿Quien Es Un Mayordomo Fiel?

🗖 l mayordomo fiel es alguien que 💶 está dispuesto a hacer lo mejor con las cosas que Dios le ha dado. El Señor nos llama a ser mayordomos fieles en todo lo que hacemos. Es por esta razón que es tan importante, entre tantas cosas, honrar a Dios con nuestro tiempo, dones, dinero, salud y relaciones.

Debemos entender que los cristianos somos llamados a ser mayordomos fieles todo el tiempo, no solo el sábado en la mañana cuando los diáconos pasan el plato para la ofrenda. ¿Qué tal de la mayordomía de nuestras relaciones? Yo creo que esto significa que debemos tratar a otros con respeto, no menospreciando a nadie, especialmente aquellos que están cerca de nosotros y aquellos con los cuales nos relaciones en el trabajo.

En lo que tiene que ver con el dinero, usarlo y gastarlo sabiamente, en una forma que honre al Señor, es la mejor acción que un mayordomo cristiano responsable debe seguir. Honrar al Señor con el diezmo fiel (10 porciento de nuestro ingreso) y libremente es una demostración de nuestra fe y agradecimiento a Dios por lo que él nos ha dado.

Ser un buen mayordomo de nuestra salud también es importante. El cuidar de nuestros cuerpos—el templo de Dios (1 Corintios 6:19)—es nuestra manera de decirle a Dios, "Soy todo tuyo, por ende, comeré nutritivamente, haré ejercicio regularmente y alimentaré mi mente espiritualmente".

La mayordomía aplica a todo lo que se nos ha dado. Nuestro tiempo, nuestro dinero, nuestras habilidades y talentos dados por Dios, nuestra influencia, nuestro medio ambiente, todo viene de Dios. La parábola de los talentos

(Mateo 25:14-30) nos recuerda que los mayordomos fieles toman "riesgos calculados" de manera que podamos multiplicar lo que se nos ha dado. El mayordomo infiel fue aquel que, debido al miedo, decidió no tomar ningún riesgo y fue llamado perezoso. Lucas 12:48 nos dice: "porque a todo aquel a quien se haya dado mucho, mucho se le demandará; y al que mucho se le haya confiado, más se le pedirá."

Nuestras finanzas tienden a ser el área central en la cual las personas que hablan acerca de la mayordomía se centran. Yo creo que la razón principal es que los recursos de esta vida son más fáciles de medir en términos monetarios, además el dinero es una

mento antes de que él hubiera siquiera nacido. Nunca pensó que el sería el último en tocar tan precioso instrumento. El entendía que ese viejo violín pasaba solo temporalmente por sus manos.

Esta perspectiva del violinista hacia su violín nos demuestra el verdadero entendimiento que nosotros debemos tener acerca de las posesiones de esta vida. Todos poseemos cosas, pero ultimadamente, nunca seremos dueños de ellas. Por consiguiente, como el violín, el agua de nuestros grifos no es nuestra para malgastarla, ni tampoco la electricidad que alumbra nuestros hogares. Como sabios mayordomos, podemos usarla, pero no debemos de abusar de estas cosas.

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de las cosas más difíciles para el ser humano dar. Puede que estemos bien en dar nuestra energía, tiempo o compartir nuestras habilidades, pero el dinero no es algo que las personas den fácilmente, excepto aquellos que tienen el don de la benevolencia.

Recordemos que venimos a este mundo sin nada y que nos iremos sin nada. Si miramos todas nuestras posesiones como simplemente "un préstamo," entonces podremos vernos más fácilmente como "mayordomos" en vez de "poseedores."

Cuenta una historia de un violinista muy conocido que tenía un violín que era muy valioso ya que tenía cientos de años. El violinista se veía asimismo como el mayordomo de este precioso instrumento. El sabia que muchos grandes músicos habían tocado el instru-

Cierro con cuatro principios importantes de la mayordomía:

- 1. Dios es el dueño de todo; yo no soy dueño de nada.
- 2. Dios me encomienda todas las cosas que me ha dado.
- **3.** Dios quiere que yo aumente/mejore lo que tengo, no que lo disminuya/ reduzca.
- 4. Dios puede pedirme cuenta en cualquier momento.

¿Eres tú un mayordomo fiel? Por su gracia, tú puedes llegar a serlo.

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Portland, ME	6:12	6:00	5:48	5:38
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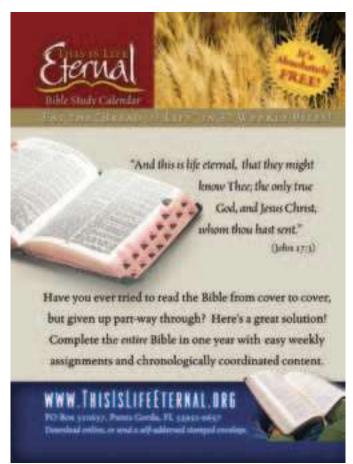
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