

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of **Stewardship** to the congregation

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This month's issue of *Stewardship* describes how a husband and wife manage their money. They use the envelope system. They take 12 envelopes, each of which are labeled with a word indicating where money put in that envelope is to go. For example, one envelop might have the word "Home" on it, another "Food," still another "Utilities" and so forth.

The first envelope in the stack was labeled "Church." It was obvious that they realized God and the church were a their first priority. That made sense because God is our Creator and the church is where we worship God, where we learn of God's will for our lives, where we join others in organizing to work on behalf of establishing God's kingdom on earth for which we regularly pray. The church is also where we have fellowship with other Christians, where we learn and laugh and share joys and sorrows, where we break bread together and where we sing:

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.* (Samuel J. Stone)

The church was of great importance to this couple; here we are reminded that our lives are in God's hands and it is God's care that will guide us through whatever difficulties we face. It is here that we receive guidance and the assurance of God's love as we worship with the family of God.

Prayer: Merciful God, help us to keep our focus upon you and the helpful guidance you offer us throughout our lives. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen**

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