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*Stewards as Disciples*  
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When stewardship is made to be an intentional and dynamic element in the development of disciples, churches will no longer have a shortfall of adequate financial resources.

Over the years, I have been both a participant and leader of discipleship studies and most of the studies have given depth for participants except in one glaring area of discipleship, namely stewardship!

The teaching of biblical stewardship needs to take place in discipleship groups, small group studies, new member classes, in our homes and from the pulpit. What will it take to awaken church leaders to include stewardship as a vital part of Christian discipleship?

How long has it been since you heard someone say, “there are never enough funds for our church to accomplish what we’ve set out to do as a church?”

How bold are you willing to be with such a person? Let me challenge you to ask such a person, “what type of disciples does our church seek to develop: giving or non-giving disciples?”

It seems quite apparent the church culture of our times simply fails to include stewardship as part of what it means to be a disciple.

Take time to study the parables of the Lord and you will find the importance the Lord placed on stewardship. The Lord challenged people wherever He went with the responsibility of stewards!

YOU can help turn the tide in your life and influence others by your faithful action as a steward.