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- Stewardship is MORE than money — It’s not just about how we spend our income, but how we spend our life. Do we give back to God a portion of our income, our time, our talent? Do we realize he has given us the talents and time to earn our income?
- Stewardship is NOT LESS than money – Money is important to the life and mission of a congregation to do the ministry we are commissioned to do. In sixteen of Jesus’ parables, he spoke about money in some way.

How much is enough? — Are we afraid to give too much? The Bible says to give as we have been blessed. Do we spend more time and money on recreation and entertainment than we give back to God in offerings out of thankfulness to him? Perhaps the question should be, “How much of what God has given me should I keep for myself?”

Fund-raising vs. Stewardship — Fund-raising is a financial matter like meeting the budget, while stewardship is a spiritual matter...giving of ourselves in all areas of our lives. It relates to how we live out our commitment to Jesus Christ.

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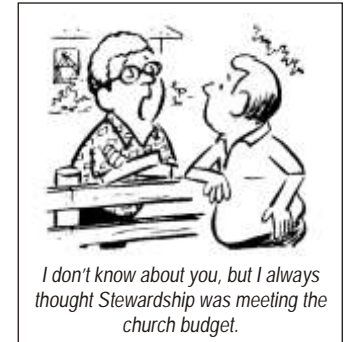
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