

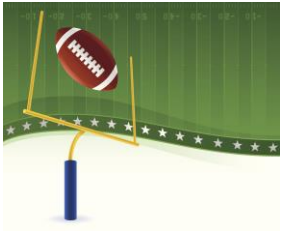
*Drafting A Winning Stewardship and
Generosity Team*

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What is Stewardship?

- “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21
- Stewardship is the church’s theological antidote to the chief idols of our age; consumerism, materialism, and acquisition.
- Stewardship is about the joyous discipline of thanking God with the way we live our lives and spend and share our money.

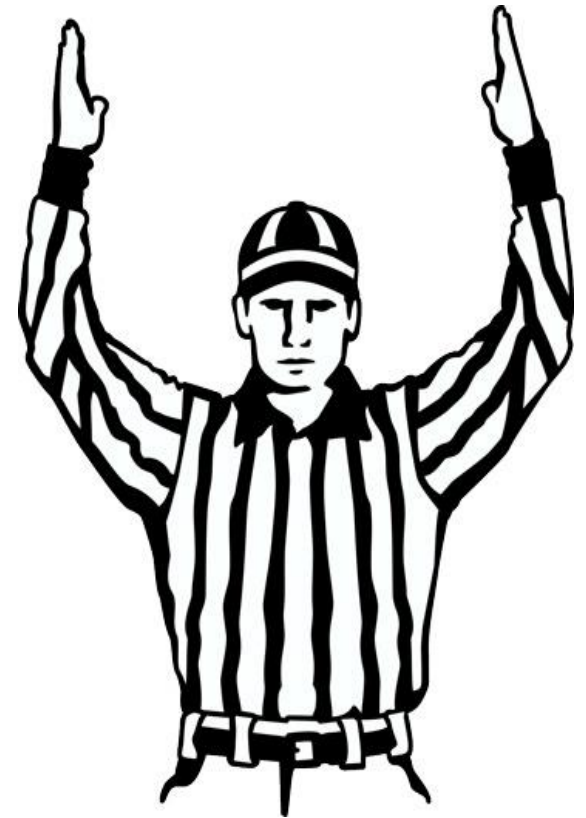


What is Stewardship?

- Gratitude
- Spiritual Growth
- About making choices
- Caring for all that God has given us
- Time, Talent, AND Treasure
- Disciple making

Stewardship is not:

- A once-a-year event
- About money
- Fundraising (but we have things to learn from effective fundraising principles)
- Meeting a budget
- About us (as individuals or as a church)



A Theology of Stewardship

1. What is your first memory of stewardship?
2. Who taught you about stewardship?
3. Why is giving to the church important to you?



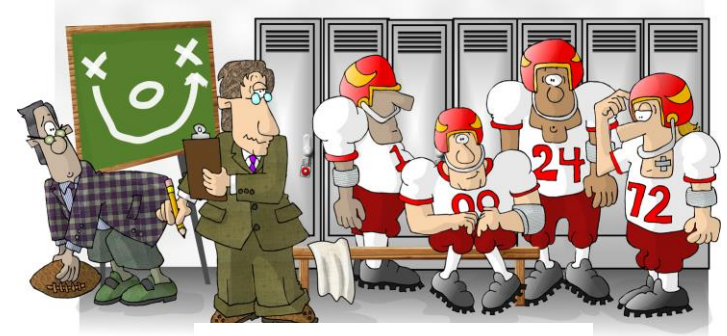
The Players

- Squad (Generosity Team)
- Offense (Session)
- Quarterback (Pastor)



Generosity “Squad”

- Chartered by session
- Member from each program committee of the church
- Coordinates ALL storytelling, asks, and thanks
- Works year-round



Session “Offense”

- Sanctions/charters the Generosity team
- Shares their stories
- Supports the Generosity team
- Pledges/tithes
- Leaders in stewardship (pledge first)



Pastor “Quarterback”

- Builds relationships with members
- Talks about their own stewardship
- Preaches about generosity regularly (once a month)
- Tells the story -- excites/energizes people about all that the church is doing
- Invites/asks
- Says “Thank You”



Pastor – To know or not know



- Practical
 - Pastor as Executive Director/Chief Development Officer
- Spiritual
 - Helping people on their journey
- Pastoral
 - Another pastoral care indicator

Look Toward the Future



Abundance

- Manna in the wilderness, feeding of the 5,000
- “And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work” II Corinthians 9:9
- Believe and expect their will be enough funds making it easy to give



Keys to Success

- Be prayerful
- Celebrate your church
- Be visionary
- Communicate
- Involve many
- Fund ministry, not raise funds
- Be inviting, not threatening
- Challenge your congregation



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