

# Faithful Stewards

The Stewardship Committee's latest idea for Helping to raise the annual church budget.



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The Stewardship Committee's latest budget raising idea: Channel headsets.



# Why talk about money?

It's a discipleship issue.

The Bible talks about money.

#### David's Prayer

Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

- 1 Chronicles 29:14

# Belief and Behavior

#### Faithful Stewards

#### I. A Biblical Belief

#### God owns it all and God controls it all

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

**Psalm 24:1** 

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#### I. A Biblical Belief

#### II. A Treasure Truth

19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...You cannot serve both God and Money."

I. A Steward

II. A Steward's Stewardship

#### David's Prayer

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11 Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;
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12 Wealth and honor come from you;

you are the ruler of all things.

you are exalted as head over all.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

13 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

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Steward - entrust, manages, resources

Owner - vision, values



## Greek word oikonomos, (oy-kon-om'-os) English - economics and economy come from the

oikos - "house" nomos - "law."

"house - law"

The management of a house or of household affairs.

#### I. A Steward

"Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time?"

Luke 12:42

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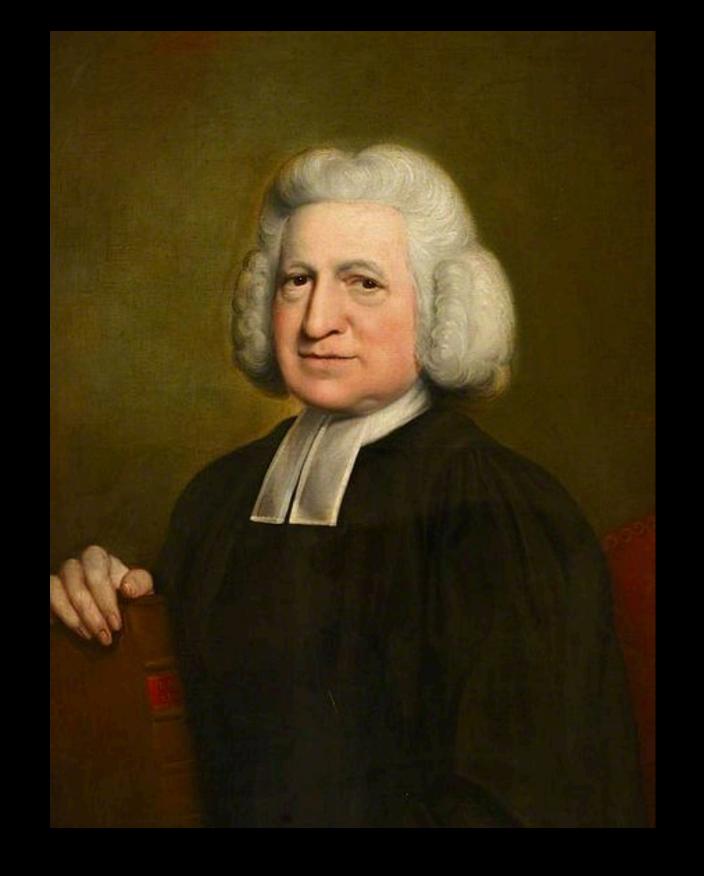
"Everything becomes mine...—wife, children, house, money, cars, and you, too. I will allow you to use all these things for the time being. But don't forget, they're all mine, ... because I am now the owner."

# A Faithful Steward

God's people, doing God's business, God's way.

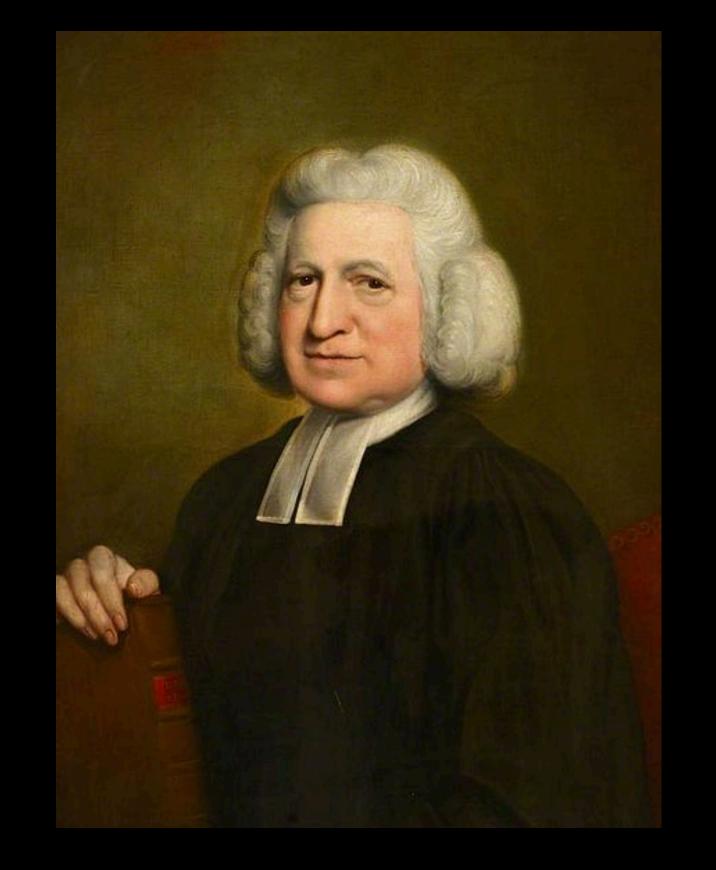
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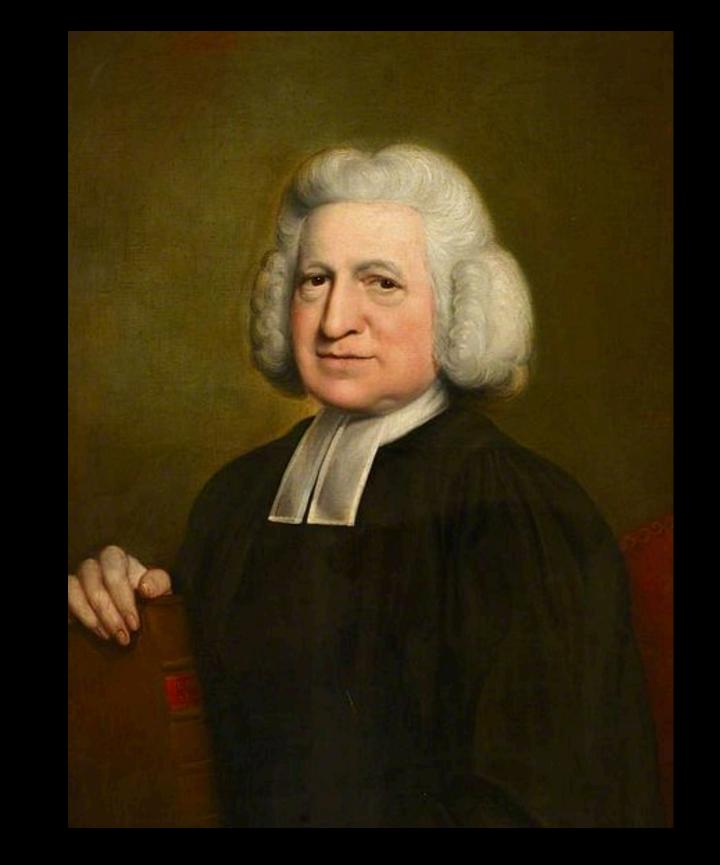


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Make all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can.

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Hard work is needed, not laziness

"Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper." Prov. 13:4

"Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep and an idle person will suffer hunger." Prov. 19:15

"In all labor there is profit, but mere talk *leads* only to poverty." Prov. 14:23

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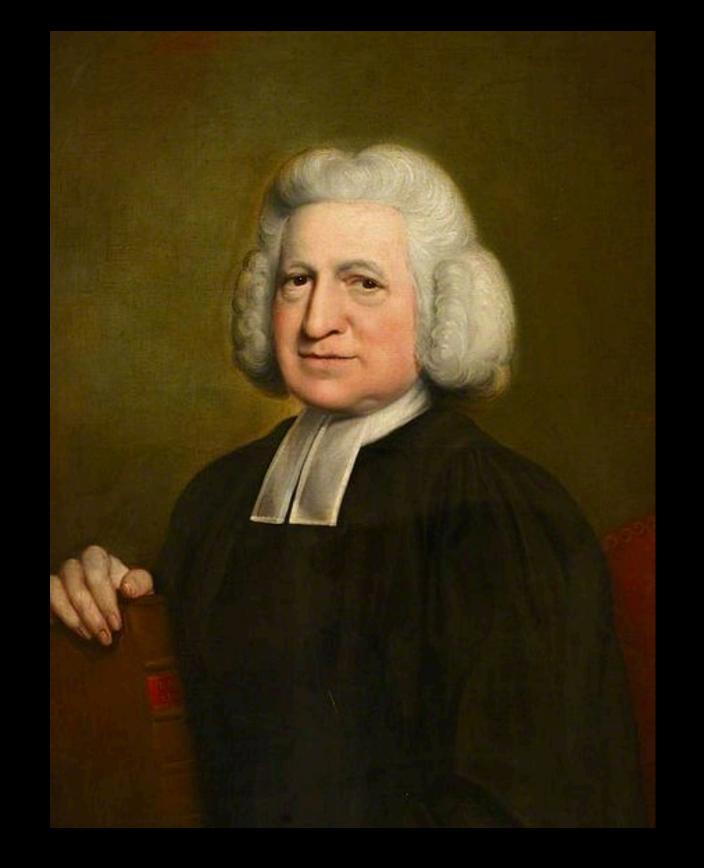
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When the master returns what will he find?

\$1.3 Million!



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·Give all you can. Principle of Generosity

"What typically motivates your giving?"

Guilt, duty, expectation of God's blessing or thankfulness or gratitude?

"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 (NLV)

-Give First

-Give Sacrificially

-Give Cheerfully

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- "Honor the Lord with you wealth, with the first fruits of all you crops..." Prov. 3:9

-Give Sacrificially

"Each should give what he has decided in his heart to give...". 2 Corinthians 9:7

-Give Cheerfully "...for God loves a cheerful giver."

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For the one who gives with "Hilarity" gives with Generosity.

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# Money Matters APPLICATION

Make all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can.

Give away some money this week simply because you love Jesus. Don't let anyone know about it.

## Money Matter

"Focusing on Giving will not make you a generous person, but rather on love of God"

Jonathan Edwards

