

Stewardship Development for Churches

Before you begin a stewardship program, it is good to step back and consider why your church should spend the time, effort and money to develop a program. What evidence is there in the church that indicates a need for members to be better stewards?

1. A dynamic, powerful life for Christ is not evident in many Christians.
2. Churches are seeing a diminishing number of volunteers.
3. Firstfruits giving of most Christians, which affects the ministry of the local church and beyond, is decreasing.
4. Many of our members' lifestyles reflect personal goals and ambitions at the expense of the Christian community.
5. Many family relationships are fractured because of poor money management.

In working with over 1000 church leaders, Barnabas Foundation has learned that a serious effort requires church-wide support and involvement; a separate stewardship team to spearhead the effort; and ongoing commitment beyond an annual fundraising campaign.

Objectives for stewardship development programs:

For Churches:

1. Support ongoing ministries and inspire new opportunities.
2. Train and equip members for ministry.
3. Encourage and secure financial support for these ministries.

For Church Members:

1. A dynamic, intimate relationship with the Lord.
2. Minimizing of stress in the home due to poor financial stewardship.
3. Greater use of gifts and time for ministries in the church and beyond.

Special Program:

Good Steward Ministry is an intense stewardship development program in which over 40 churches have participated. It is a subscription program which requires major commitment from church leadership, congregational surveys, development of a strategic plan and extensive consultation with Barnabas Foundation.

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