

Money management: from "Oh, my!" to "A-men."

Session 3: Get Conspiratorial

Inspire and involve others

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One key theme:
Generous God, generous life.



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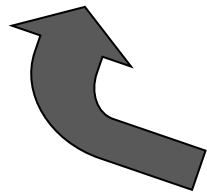
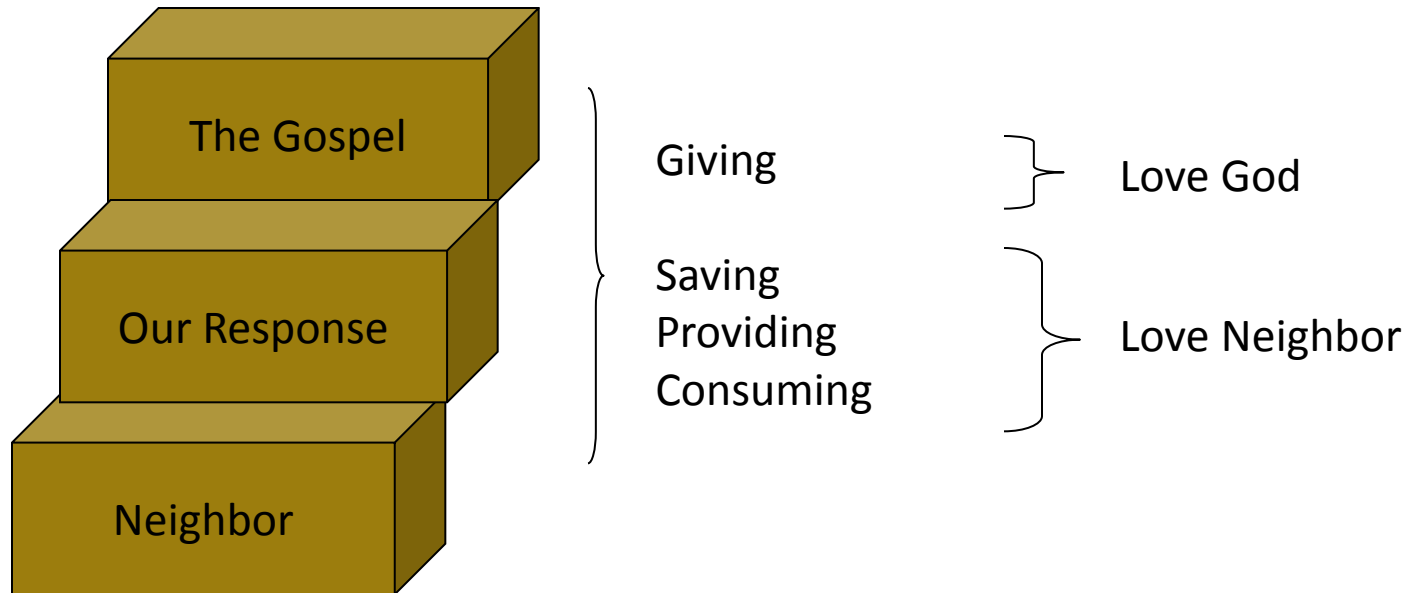


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What we steward



**Talent, Time, Creation, Money
Vocation, Relationships, etc.**



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Areas of church life where generosity is taught

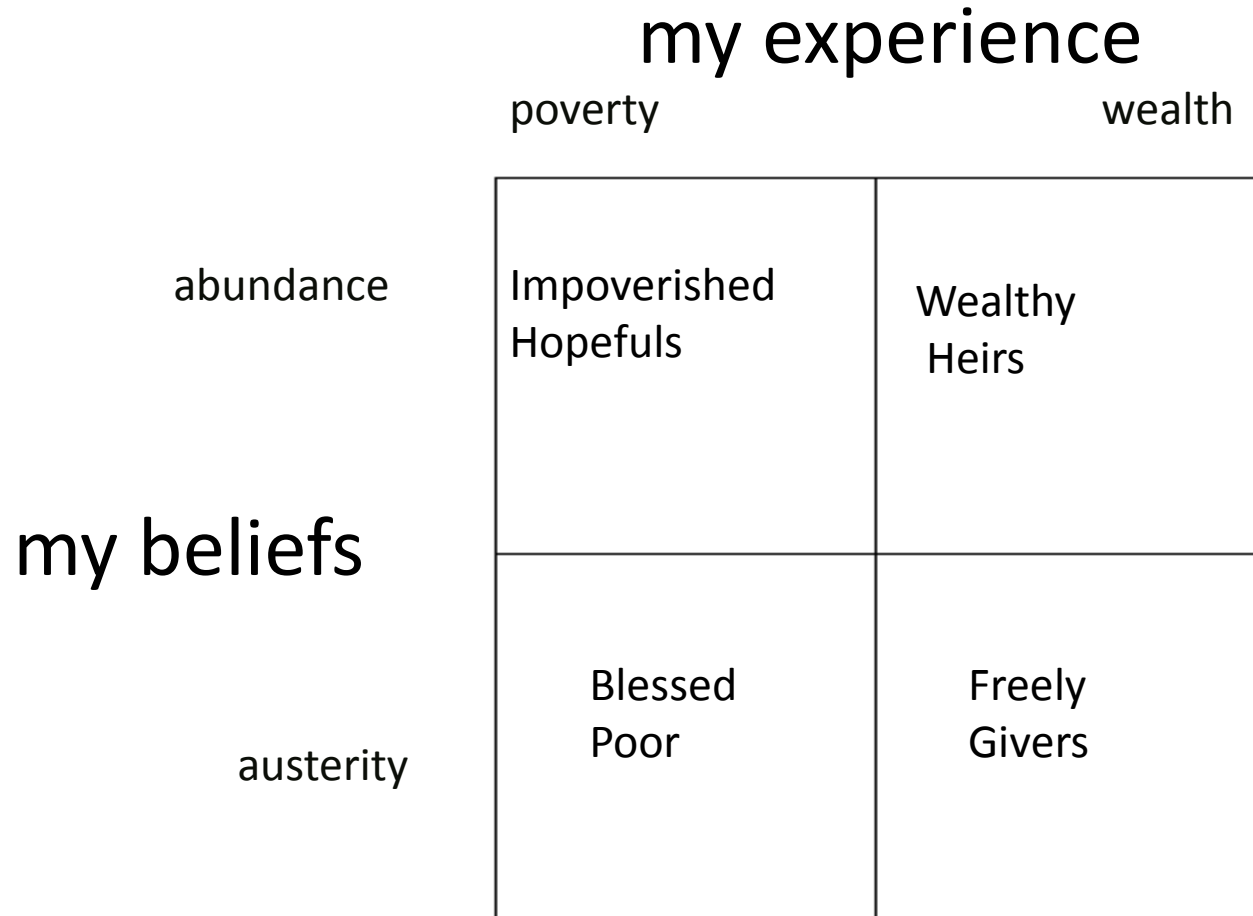
Seven areas for stewardship cultivation (Mennonite "Giving Project: Growing Faithful Stewards in the Church")	Growing generosity in six areas of church life (The United Church of Canada)
1. Preaching and teaching	1. Worship: preaching, theme time, offering, litanies and prayers, bulletin, announcements
2. Dedicating offerings	2. Stewardship formation (teaching about "choices" and all-of-life discipleship)
3. Mercy ministry (to marginalized people)	3. Pastoral care/hospitality
4. Connecting givers and receivers: local, global, inside the congregation, outside-in (connecting with newcomers)	4. Outreach (involvement <i>and</i> giving) locally and through the and Service Fund
5. First-fruits living	(incorporate first fruits concept in #1, 2, and 6
6. Leadership transfer between generations	5. Leadership development
7. Congregational financial management	6. Congregational operational management (mission focus, asset-mapping, annual programs to ask for money based on proportionate giving, ongoing accounting)

From *Growing Generosity: Identity as Stewards in the United Church of Canada*, by Barbara Fullerton.

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reducing the tension* by Mark L. Vincent.
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Next steps:

1. Evaluate your congregation's strengths and weaknesses according to the areas of church life where generosity is taught. Pay special attention to what you are doing in worship.
2. Develop a list of next steps to pursue in light of the evaluation.
3. Determine your orientation on the perception map and consider how you will expand your range.
4. (For an even bigger "A-men") Schedule a more comprehensive evaluation with key church leaders, perhaps making use of a stewardship consultant to guide an honest look at strengths/weaknesses and next steps.

