



NEW RESOURCES

Invitation to Genesis (DVD0237 or VT3252-3253):

This is a 10-week in-depth Bible study modeled after the Disciple Bible study. The study does not require training for the leader and is based on weekly group meetings of 60 to 90 minutes. Individual participants of this study are expected to do daily readings and assignments. (1 DVD & 2 VHS; 10 sessions; 15 min./session; Leader's guide & participant's book; for adults)

Parables from the Back Side: Bible Stories with a Twist (DVD0232):

This video-based study offers a new understanding of 12 of Jesus' parables by viewing them through the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character. This study centers on interviews with the author, Ellsworth Kalas, in which he discusses what he has written and goes "behind the pages" to share his thoughts about the book, chapter by chapter. (1 DVD; 12 sessions; 120 min.; 10 min./session; leader's guide & book; for adults)



Living Fully, Dying Well: A Study for Small Groups (DVD0234)

This resource is designed to assist us in making careful, wise, and prayerful preparation for meeting life's most important moments. This study for groups and all ages inspires us to talk openly about faith and mortality. Topics include biblical and social perspectives on growing older, which practical legal decisions are important for everyone, what happens when we die, and more. (1 DVD; 8 sessions; leader's guide & participant's book, 3 booklets for congregational use; for adults)

Just Walk Across the Room (DVD0229)

Featuring Bill Hybels, this dynamic four-week experience is designed to equip and inspire your entire church to participate in that same pattern of grace-giving by taking simple walks across rooms — leaving your circles of comfort and extending hands of care, compassion, and inclusiveness to people who might need a touch of God's love today. Kit includes: 1 DVD; 1 Resource CD-ROM with sermons, implementation guide, and promotional materials; Leader's guide & Quick Start brochure; Book. (1 DVD; 4 sessions; 15 min./session; Zondervan, ©2006; for adults)

Mayberry Bible Study Vol. 4 (DVD0231)

This volume features lessons and discussions based on 4 classic "primetime parables." Four lessons are: 1. The Value of Good Values (Luke 16:15); 2. A Prescription of Temptation (Matthew 26:41); 3. Sound Encouragement (Hebrews 3:13); 4. Nice Guides Finish First (Proverbs 11:14) (1 DVD; 4 lessons; 25 min./lesson; leader's & reproducible study guides; for Jr. High & up)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

MARC will be closed Wednesdays effective 9/11/06.

New office hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8:30-4:30

Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth (DVD0235-0236)

This 13-session video-based curriculum is built on Richard Foster's most acclaimed book published in 1978. It is designed to help Christians experience authentic transformation through engagement with classic Christian disciplines. Sessions can be used from 45 min. to 1 hour in length. (2 DVDs; 13 sessions; 22 min./session; Leader's & participant's guides; CD-ROM containing transcripts of the conversations between Richard J. Foster and Dallas Willard; LifeSprings, ©2005 for adults)

Rich: #13 in Nooma Series (DVD0230)

We're constantly bombarded with images of the latest styles and models of everything, and it can easily leave us feeling like what we haven't enough because we see people that have even more than we.

But how does what we

have compare to what most people in the world have? Maybe God has blessed us with everything we have so we can bless and give to others. (1 DVD; 12 min.; viewer's guide;



Includes subtitles in English, French, German, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese and Spanish; for Sr. High & up)

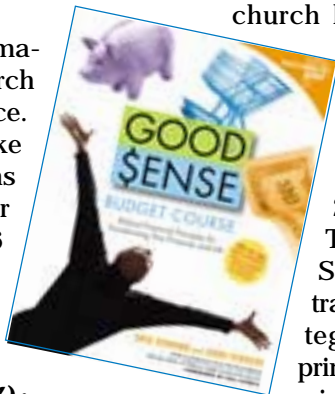
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STEWARDSHIP RESOURCES

Money Talks (VT0788): Through a humorous transaction, viewers discover the importance and theological basis for giving one's dollars to the work of the local, regional, and international church. (8 min.; one hour session; guide; for Sr. High & up)

Tithing: Gimmick or Gift? (VT1712): Viewers will have an opportunity to watch and respond to the issues raised as Christian stewardship is explored: definitions; feelings; scripture passages; relationship with God; personal witness; and specific resources. (50 min.; Leader's guide; for Sr. High & up)

Money (VT0070): The major problem facing the church is not poverty ... but affluence. What choices we can make about money? Ten sessions are designed to start for group discussion. (5-6 min./session; Study guide; For Sr. High & up)



Managing God's Good Gifts (VT0457):

This video challenges us to re-examine our discipleship in terms of stewardship. Being stewards is how we express our love for God. (9 sessions; 9 min./lesson; guide; for College & up)

Wesley and Giving (VT2226):

This presentation was developed as a resource for clergy study groups. Its purposes are: to remind clergy of the Wesleyan message related to Christian giving; to engage clergy in discussion of what this message means for personal life; and to discover how this message might be shared with congregations across United Methodism. (24 min.; Leader's guide)

Living with Money (VT3005-3006):

This series examines the subject of money in the context of Christian faith—for people of all backgrounds, races and economic status. Four sessions are: (4 sessions; 20-25 min./session; Leader's & Participant's guide; for adults)

Stewardship: My Opportunity to Giving (DVD0100 or VT3200): This three-week church campaign will carefully lead your congregants to a deep, prayerful consideration of how to become good stewards with their time, talents and treasure. DVD contains one 25 min. presentation for leaders and four 7-10 min. stewardship videos for congregations. (55 min.; leader's guide; Resource CD and posters; for adults)

Good Sense Ministry: Transformational Stewardship for Today's Church (KT0013):

This comprehensive kit consists of three parts: **1. Church Leaders Kit** gives church leaders guidance and tools to envision and equip fellow leaders to launch and lead a year-round stewardship ministry; **2. Church Members Kit:** This 6-session Good Sense Budget Course trains every believer to integrate biblical financial principles into their lives — spiritually and financially;

3. Volunteer Counselors Training Workshop Kit: The full-day workshop trains and equips laypersons to provide free, biblically-based, confidential counsel to assist families and individuals with financial questions or difficulties. (guides; for adults)

Whose Money Is It? Questions of Faith series (VT0222):

Why is it hard for us to talk about our money? What does faith have to do with your money? How can we be faithful in a consumer society? (25 min.; Study guide; for Sr. High & up)

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Don't Sit on Your Stuff: Youth Bible Study about Giving (VT3097): Ted & Lee, as disciples Peter and Andrew, explore Jesus' parable of the master and his three servants and figure out that they shouldn't "sit on their stuff." They lead us to a discussion of what to do with our own "stuff"—our time, money and talents. (20 min.; study guide; for Jr. & Sr. High)

Christian's Guide to Financial Freedom (VT2754-2755):

This curriculum is an interactive plan that will help you take charge of your personal financial life. This course is not a get-rich-quick scheme. Rather, it is about defeating the unholy trinity of financial misery—the demons of debt, undisciplined spending, and greedy consumption. (8 sessions; 25 min./session; Leader's guide & workbook; for adults)

Treasures in Heaven (VT1653):

A story of contrast between two men who seek to follow Jesus: a young rich man and Zacchaeus, the publican. (30 min.; for ages 8-12)

New Consecration Sunday Program Kit (KT0023):

This resource teaches stewardship from a spiritual perspective rather than from a fund-raising perspective. Written by Herb Miller, this resource is based on a biblical/spiritual theology of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual benefit rather than on the need of the church to receive. (Leader's guide & program book; for adults)

How Much Stuff Do You Need? (VT1204):

Does money cause you problems? How important is having the right clothes? Does your faith have anything to say about money and things. (20 min.; Study guide; for Jr. & Sr. High)

Parable of Jesus (DVD0194):

Three parables presented in this video—The Talents, The Rich Man and Lazarus, the Two Sons—teach us how to be good stewards of our time and the things that we have been given. English and Spanish. (30 min.; for ages 3-11)