

Monday, July 6, 2026
7:00PM

Stewardship Training (Pt. 1)

Give “Mitley”!

Unleashing the
Spirit of Generosity

How to Increase
Congregational
Giving

“...this poor widow has put in more than all; ³ for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”

Luke 21:2-3 (NKJV)

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I. **Covenant Fellowship Baptist Church, Chesterfield, Va.**
An Example of Successful Small Church Stewardship Ministry

- Founded 2019 (Currently 6 Years Old)
- 104 Members
- Initial Challenge: Single budget with ministry and operating expenses competing for funds from the same account.
- Question: Do we pay bills or do we fund ministry? We can't do both.
- 2024 Need: A "Tithe +" Offering Stewardship Campaign that is affordable for a "small" church budget to generate funds for ministry in addition to the regular tithes.
- Solution: The Pastor created and implemented the biblically-based *Give Mitely!* Stewardship Ministry.
- Today: *Give Mitely!*
 - Regular Tithes/Offering would be dedicated to the church's operating expenses
 - *Give Mitely!* tithe + donations funds ministry needs.

GIVE MITELY!

Stewardship Ministry Schedule

***Mitey 1* Training: July 1-31**

***Mitey 1* Registrations: August 1-31**

Give Mitely! (September 1 – November 30)

***Mitey 1* Training: July 1-31**

***Mitey 1* Registrations: February 1-28**

Give Mitely! (March 1 – May 31)

II. Know the Difference! Fundraising vs. Stewardship

A. Fundraising

1. Fundraising's Singular Purpose

To _____ to Improve the Church's Financial Position

2. Fundraising Shortfalls

Undeveloped Prayer & Stewardship Life

The church can succeed in increasing its _____
_____ with the bank, BUT fail in increasing its
_____ with Jesus Christ.

B. Stewardship

Multi-Purposed Ministry Goals

To Improve Spiritual Life Conditions in the Following Areas

1. _____ (Members Increase in Giving to the Church)
2. _____ (Members Grow Closer to the Lord)
3. _____ (Members expand the church's membership by inviting new visitors and possible new members)

**If all your "program" has done is to raise money, you have succeeded as a Fund Raiser, but not as a Stewardship Ministry.*

C. Fundraising vs. Stewardship Results

1. Fundraising: A marginal increase of funds for the church.
2. Stewardship: Members with increased _____, _____, and _____ to do ministry for the Lord.

D. Why Churches Tend to Do Fundraising Rather than Stewardship Ministry

1. It is easier to _____ for money than it is to increase _____ and _____ lost souls.
2. Many ministry leaders do not know how or prefer not to increase spirituality and evangelize lost souls.
3. Contracting a professional _____ / _____ company can cost _____ of dollars which is more than most churches can afford.
4. Hiring _____ to create and lead a Stewardship Ministry is often outside of the church's budget or ability to manage.

E. Can a Church Do Fundraising & Stewardship at the Same Time (Yes/No)?

1. Stewardship is _____ Giving to the Lord
2. Fundraising Can Jeopardize the Church's _____

The Church & Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT)

3. Fundraising (Collecting Dues) is Not According to *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)*

4. Fundraising in the church is not biblical.

¹² Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’” (Matthew 21:12-13)

III. The *Give Mitely!* Stewardship Ministry

A. Donation Based, Biblical Stewardship Ministry

1. _____ (Members Increase in Giving to the Church)
2. _____ (Members Grow Closer to the Lord)
3. _____ (Members expand the church’s membership by inviting new visitors and possible new members)

B. The *Give Mitely!* Stewardship Ministry Packet

1. *Give Mitely!* Logo with Slogan
2. *Give Mitely!* Promotional Card to Engage Members
3. *Give Mitely!* Stewardship Model
 - Adjustable Activity Frequency
 - Personalized with Your Church’s Name
4. *Give Mitely!* Support Scriptures
5. *Give Mitely!* Registration & First Fruits Timeline
6. *Give Mitely!* Commitment Card
7. *Give Mitely!* Gift/Tithing Matrix
8. *Give Mitely!* Leadership & Congregation Training
9. *Give Mitely!* 90-Day Ministry Savings Plan (Genesis 41:22-39)
10. *Give Mitely!* Time/Church Volunteer Program
11. *Give Mitely!* Talent/Gifts Data Base

C. How to Start Give Mitely! Stewardship Ministry in Your Church

1. Church, Association, Organization Registration is Required for *Give Mitely!* Ministry Participation
2. Each Church Selects Give Mitely Team Members
3. Individual (Virtual & In-Person) *Give Mitely!* Ministry Training Available for Churches & Religious Organizations (Fee Charged)
4. Saturday/Virtual Training in the Servant Leaders' Classroom (SLC): *How to Teach & Implement Give Mitely!* (3 to 4 Times a Year)
5. Donation Required (Church or Individual) for Saturday *Give Mitely!* Training Participation

IV. *Give Mitely!* Best Practices for Biblical Stewardship

A. *Mitey 1!* Suggestions

1. Have a _____ for the *Give Mitely!* funds being raised.
2. If not a "church project" (i.e. new boiler or a/c unit), designate your *Mitey 1!* donations to _____.
3. Invite _____ and _____ to be a *Mitey 1!*
4. Encourage (require) all church officers and ministry leaders to commit before receiving members' commitments
5. Have a monthly "prayer focus" for your congregation
6. Hold a *Give Mitely!* Commitment Period

B. Learn How to *Give Mitely!*

1. *Give* _____ *Your Circumstances*
Give what you can.
2. *Give* _____ *Your Circumstances*
Give while you can.
3. *Give* _____ *While In Your Circumstances*
Giving Mitely is opportunistic.
4. *Give* _____ *You Can*
Whenever you give as much as you can, you are *Giving with All Your Mite.*

V. **How to Teach Biblical Stewardship Not Fundraising**

Teach *Biblical Stewardship* in such a way that your members are able to see themselves in the Widow's Mite text.

Mark 10:32-34 (English Standard Version)

³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

Mark 11:27-28 (English Standard Version)

²⁷ And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, ²⁸ and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?"

Mark 12:41-44 (English Standard Version)

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Luke 20:1-2 (English Standard Version)

One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up ² and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority."

Luke 20:45-47 (English Standard Version)

⁴⁵ And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, ⁴⁶ "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁷ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

Luke 21:1-6 (English Standard Version)

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

⁵ And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

A. Widow's Mite-Related Texts

1. Mark 10:32-34
2. Mark 11:27-28
3. Mark 12:41-44
4. Luke 20:1-2
5. Luke 20:45-47
6. Luke 21:1-6

B. Widow's Mite Key Figures

1. Jesus (Mark 12:41 & Luke 21:1)
2. A "Widow" (Mark 12:42 & Luke 21:2)

C. Widow's Mite Time Period (Mark 10:32-34)

1. Holy Week/Passover
2. The _____ of Jesus' life on earth.
3. The "Miracle Worker", the One who "made a way" was about to be crucified.

D. The Value of the "Mite"

The value of a "mite" during this time period was around 1/8 of 1 _____.

Question: How do churches sometimes make members feel who can only give a "mite" (\$1.00) when others give so much more?

E. Widow's Mite Main Struggle (Mark 12:42-44 & Luke 21:3-4)

Much like many of believers in our churches today, the woman had the _____ to give to the Lord, but her "_____ " (widowed & poor) prevented her from giving as much as others gave.

F. Widow's Mite Main Struggle (Mark 12:42-44 & Luke 21:3-4)

Repetition of a message indicates an _____ in the text. How many times does Mark 12:42-44 and Luke 21:3-5 say that she was poor?

G. The Widow's Mite Location (Mark 11:27 & Luke 21:1-5)

1. _____ treasury area in Jerusalem (Mark 11:27)
2. The Temple was...
 - a. _____ and beautiful (Luke 21:5)
 - b. Adorned with _____ and with gifts dedicated to God (Luke 21:5)

Questions About the Widow's Mite Location

- *The woman is poor and widowed around rich people in an elaborate temple.*
- *How might her surroundings have made her feel?*
- *How might members who are "poor" in your church feel about not being able to give as much as others?*
- *What can we as Servant Leaders do to encourage the "poor widows" to be included and involved in our ministries today?*

VI. The Impact of Religious Leaders on the Widow in the Text

A. Who does the Widow in the text symbolize in our churches today?

B. Other Figures:

1. Chief _____ (Luke 20:1-2)
2. _____/Teachers of the Law (Luke 20:1-2)
3. _____ (Luke 20:1-2)

C. Scribes:

1. Also called "_____ of the law" or "the teachers of _____ law" or "teachers of the Law of Moses" or "_____ in the law".
2. Scribes had the important task of creating copies of the _____ for the group called the Pharisees during the days of the Bible.
3. Had ministry _____ in the temple, but were not _____ connected to Christ. They challenged Jesus in Luke 20:1-2.
4. _____ spiritual, but they didn't _____ spiritual.
5. They had the _____ of being Godly, but they lived _____ lives.
6. They _____ the Law of Moses, but they didn't _____ by the Law of Moses.

D. The Impact of Religious Leaders on the Widow

Circle the key words about the scribes in the different translations of Luke 20:47

^{47a}...[Scribes] devour widows' houses and ^{47b}for a pretense make long prayers..." (English Standard Version)

^{47a}...[Scribes] shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and ^{47b}then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. (New Living Translation)

Circle the key words (cont'd.)

^{47a} [Scribes] confiscate and devour widows' houses, and ^{47b} for a pretense [to appear devout] offer long prayers]. (Amplified Bible)

^{47a} ...[Scribes] cheat widows out of their homes and ^{47b} then pray long prayers just to show off. (Contemporary English Version)

^{47a} [Scribes] rob widows by taking their houses and ^{47b} then say long prayers to make themselves look good. (God's Word Translation)

^{47a} [Scribes] take advantage of widows and rob them of their homes, and ^{47b} then make a show of saying long prayers! (Good News Translation)

Questions About the Widow in the Text?

- *What do we now know about the Widow, the life she lived, and her faithfulness to the Lord?*
- *Would the actions of the church leaders in this text have encouraged or discouraged the widows from giving to the Lord?*
- *What would have encouraged the widow to give out of her poverty to the Lord in spite of the church leaders (scribes) being a part of the cause of her poverty?*

VII. **The Widow's Condition & Our Own:**

A. 3 Things EVERY Servant Leader Should Learn from the Widow's Life

1. We understand that life is _____ and times are financially _____ for ALL believers.
2. We admit that we, as the _____ and ministry _____ have not always done what is right and best for our members.
3. We commit to _____ as a church and ask that our members join us in becoming the church God has called us to be.

B. The Widow's Condition & Our Own:

1. Our _____ Impacts Our _____
2. Our Members are Being Asked to Give In Spite of their Life _____ and Church _____
3. We Should Acknowledge the "_____"

This is now the third time that I am ready to come to visit you--and I will not make any demands on you. It is you I want, not your money.

2 Corinthians 12:14 (GNB)

4. Financially “Carrying” the Weight of Ministry is Sometimes _____ to Our Members

Many of the people you are about to ask to Give Mitely! are already giving as much as they can.

5. Opportunities for _____ & _____

6. Discern _____ - _____ for Your Stewardship Ministry Leader

Questions About the “Widow’s” Condition & Our Own

1. *What advice do you think the Widow in the text would give us today about Stewardship to the Lord?*
2. *In what ways does the Widow’s condition reflect the condition of members in our churches today?*
3. *Which would best minister to the church hurt and spiritual needs of the Widow? A “Fund Raiser” or “Stewardship Ministry”? Why?*



More Than Enough: The Macedonian Model of Generosity

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Fierce troubles came down on the people of those churches, pushing them to the very limit. ... The pressure triggered something totally unexpected: an outpouring of pure and generous gifts.

2 Corinthians 8:2b (Message Translation)

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The Spiritual Gifts of Servant Leadership

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*The Right Gifts - Not People -
in the Right Position
at the Right Time
(Spiritual Gifts Analysis)*



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