



Matthew 6:33



EDITORIAL - PEACE



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An outbreak of powerful tornadoes struck eight states in the US Friday night and into early Saturday, December 10, 2021, and left behind mass destruction. At least 100 people are feared dead. The storms included a twister that tore through parts of four states, trapping dozens of people and toppling numerous structures and buildings. That makes it the deadliest 24-hour period...

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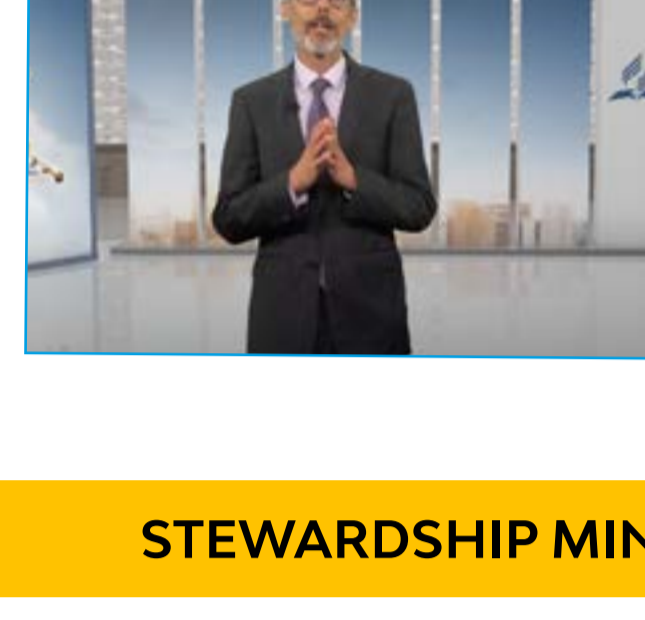
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The editable files of the first quarter 2022 Tithe and Offerings Devotional videos are now available for translation. They include custom thumbnails for Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram posts. All videos are posted on our official GodFirst YouTube Channel and Vimeo. Send us an email if your church entity wants to translate and reproduce the videos in your local language.

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BELIEVE HIS PROPHETS RELAUNCH ON JAN. 14

World Church Bible Reading Plan begins on January 14, 2022 with Genesis 1. Signup now.

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A SIMPLE BUDGET AND THE USE OF MONEY



Teaching Children Spiritual Values This presentation, the second of a series of three (2/3), is aimed at parents wanting to provide a Christian financial education to their children and to prepare them to put God first in their adult life. It is also part of the Family Finance Seminar, presented by Marcos Bomfim, the General Conference Stewardship Ministries Director.

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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES VISITATION PLAN

Courtesy of SAD Stewardship Seeking First the Kingdom is a Revival and Reformation visitation package used during the annual Holy Convocation where all the pastors and stewardship leaders from a given region or field are brought together for the purpose of training, spiritual renewal, and visitation of church members. It includes a spiritual assessment for members, to be filled out after they've been visited.



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STEWARDSHIP MIN. STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

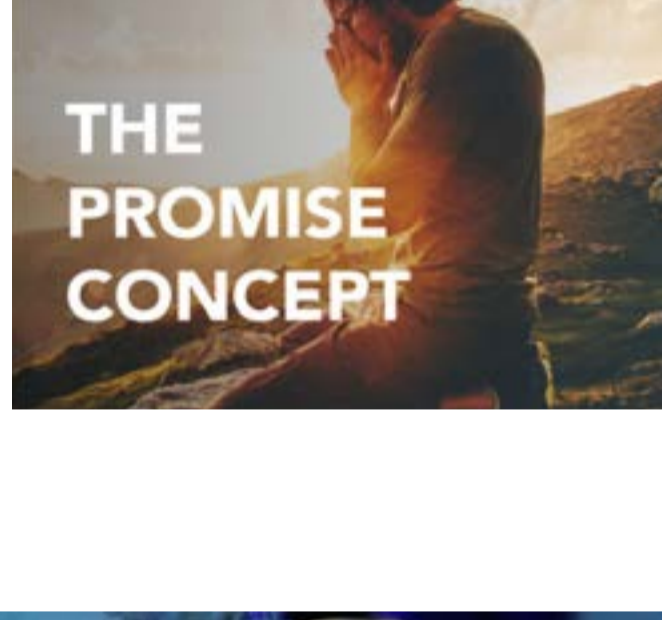
Based on the "I Will Go" Strategic Focus (2020-2025) of the General Conference, this strategic orientation is now available in French, Portuguese, Spanish, and SAD's adaptation.

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PREPARING FOR STEWARDSHIP ARP MEETINGS

Account, Review and Planning Meetings (ARP) Do you know what Stewardship ARP meetings are? If you are a Stewardship leader, do you know how to prepare for them? In this episode, Aniel Barbe and Marcos Bomfim talk about the importance of this key monitoring and strategic initiative: the Stewardship "Account, Review, and Planning" (ARP) meetings.



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DYNAMIC STEWARD MAGAZINE—OCT-DEC 2021

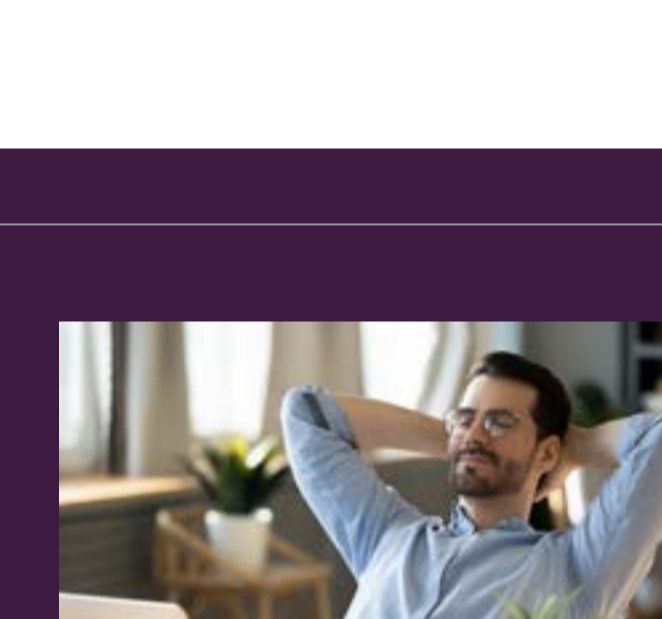


Growing Wealth: Blessed to be a Blessing In this issue of the Dynamic Steward, vol. 24, no. 4, Oct.-Dec. 2021, the authors explore ways of building wealth to spread God's message and bless others. Topics addressed are entrepreneurship, investing, and more. We learn that wealth is a means, a good thing in the hands of people who have dedicated their lives to doing God's will. Read on issuu.com or click below.

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THE PROMISE CONCEPT—PODCAST

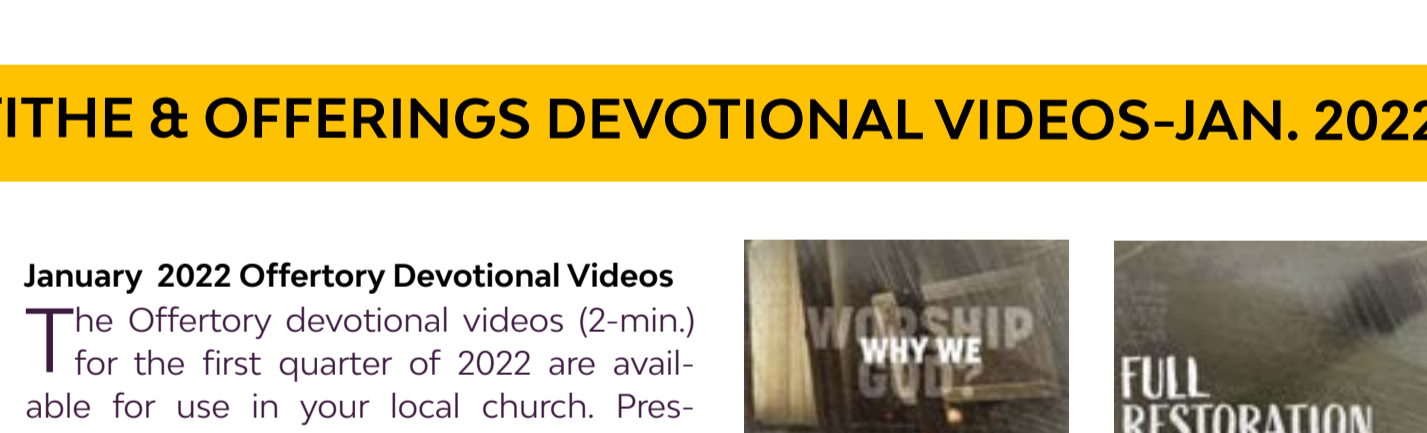
In this Podcast, you will learn more about "Promise," a new name for the old concept of the regular and systematic offering. Is there any biblical basis for this kind of offering? Is there any mention of it also in the writings of Ellen G. White?



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Three Secrets of Lasting Peace

by Pastor Mark Finley

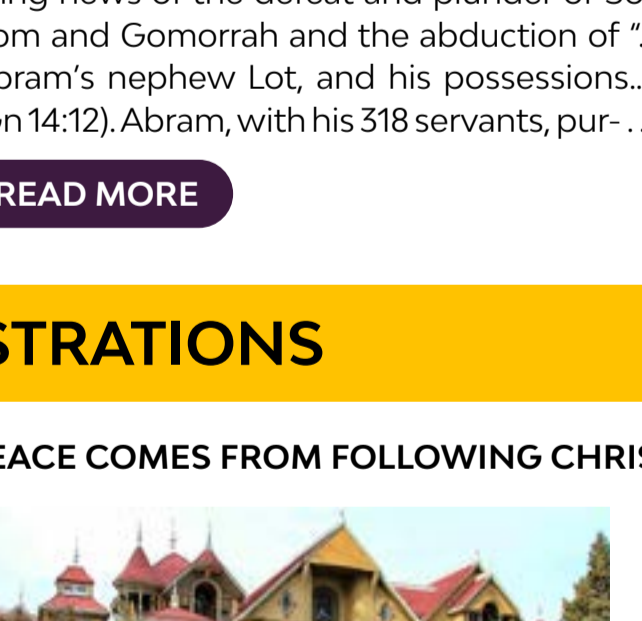


New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists presented *Three Secrets of Lasting Peace*, Mark Finley, Camp Meeting 2019. What can you not make it through the day without? At the top of the list for many people (according to a recent poll), was coffee. Next was the surge of dopamine many receive from having their posts liked and shared on their favorite social media platforms. Bringing up the rear was regular devotional study of the Bible, at sixteen percent. Is it possible that many of us are looking for peace, joy, and contentment in the wrong places? Pastor Mark Finley has some thoughts about this in this video.

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FINDING PEACE

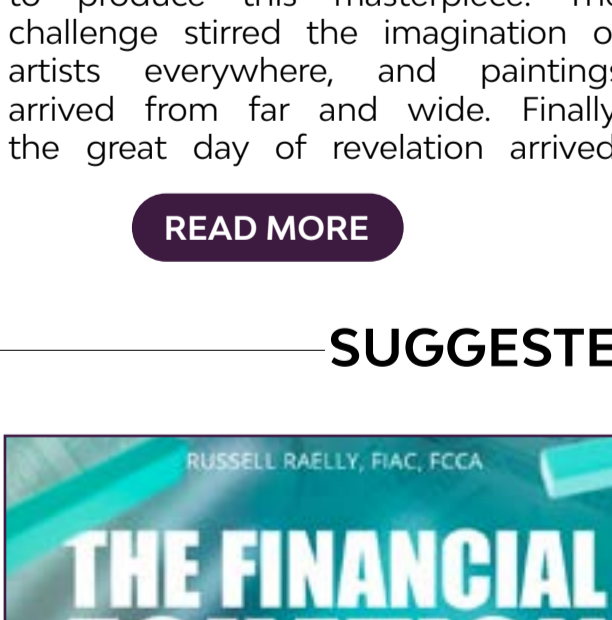
Summary: Do you want more peace and contentment? Deepen the intimacy of your relationship with God. The greater the intimacy, the greater the peace. The more consistent the intimacy, the more consistent the peace. And the longer lasting the intimacy, the longer lasting the peace. Peace in intimacy. Many of us have grown up hearing that phrase as part of our church...



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Article by Ken W. Smith, President and Founding Director, Christian Opportunity Ministries. This article was published in the April 2019 issue of the Dynamic Steward magazine, vol. 24, no. 1, pp. 1-6. <https://stewardshipadventist.org/2022/02/18/peace-in-intimacy/>

TITHE AND OFFERINGS DEVOTIONAL READINGS 2022



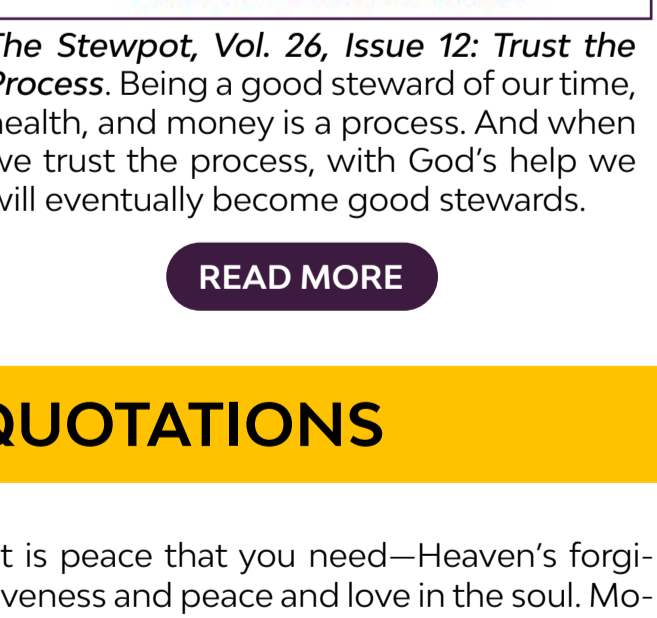
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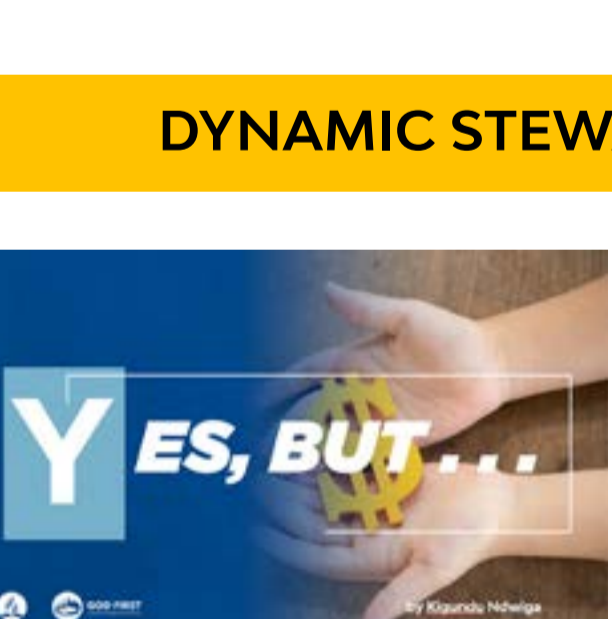
SAD DISTRICT TEAMS TRAINING

The SAD is providing training for all District Stewardship Teams of the East and Northeast Brazil Union Missions.



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Offerings Making a Difference in Timor-Leste The Timor Adventist International School provides for the children an opportunity for the future and for the future development of their country. Let's see how your contribution to the 13th Sabbath Offering makes a difference here!

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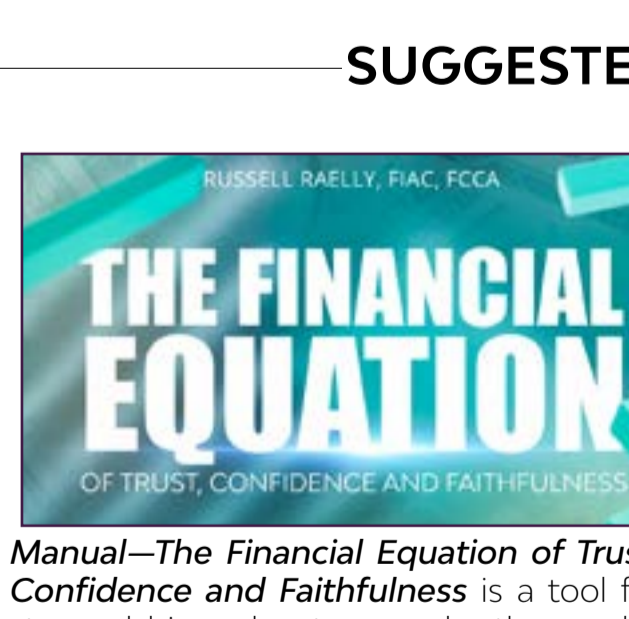
January 2022 Offertory Devotional Videos The Offertory devotional videos (2-min.) for the first quarter of 2022 are available for use in your local church. Present them each Sabbath before the offering collection and prayer. You may also find them on YouTube and our website.

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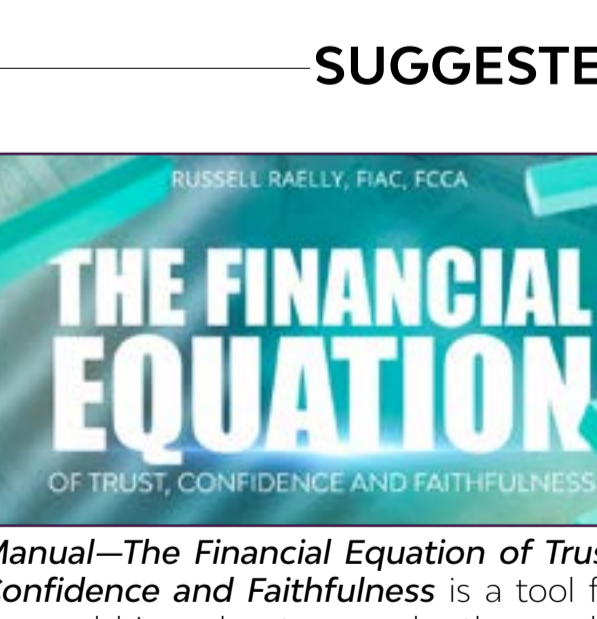


Article was written by Kigundu Ndungu, former Stewardship Ministries Director of East Central Africa Division and published in the April-June 2006 issue of the Dynamic Steward magazine, vol. 10, no. 2, pp. 10-11. <https://stewardshipadventist.org/2006/04/10/yes-but/>

YES, BUT... It had been a long, bloody day for the peace-loving diplomat, Abram. A day that had dawned like any other, but news from an escaped prisoner of war changed everything. The escapee came with the alarming news of the defeat and plunder of Sodom and Gomorrah and the abduction of "... Abram's nephew Lot, and his possessions..." (Gn 14:12). Abram, with his 318 servants, pur...

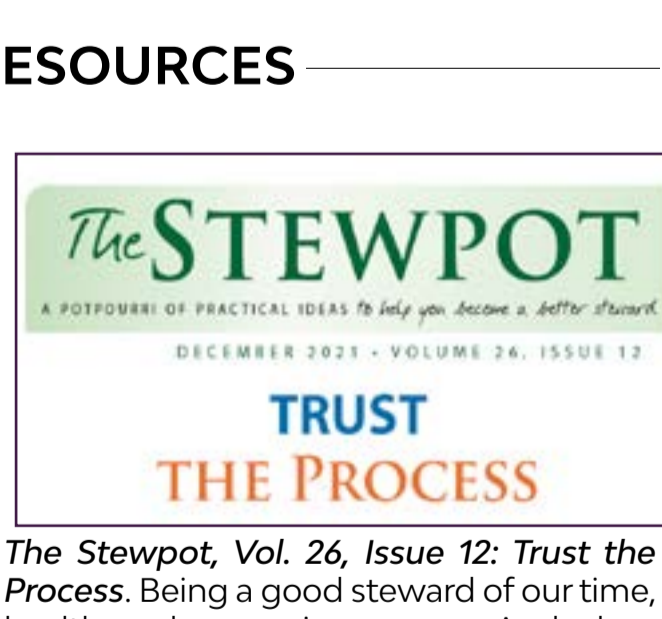
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PERFECT PICTURE OF PEACE Long ago a man sought the perfect picture of peace. Not finding one that satisfied he announced a contest to produce this masterpiece. The challenge stirred the imagination of artists everywhere, and paintings arrived from far and wide. Finally, the great day of revelation arrived.

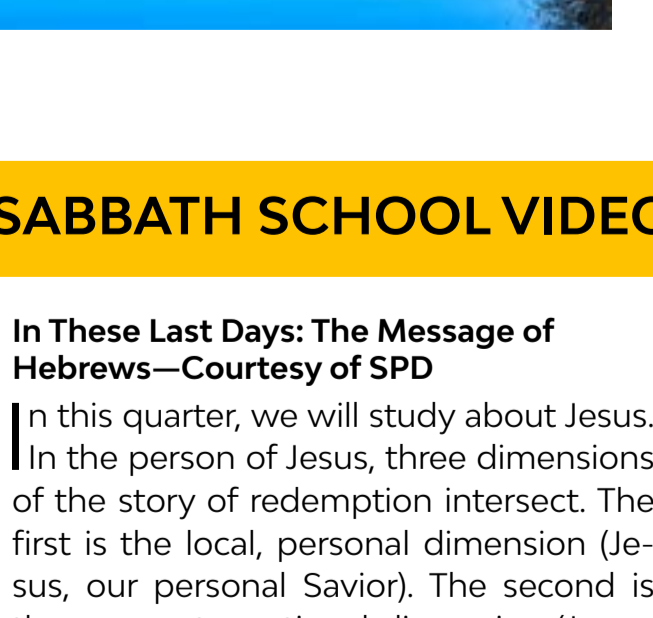
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PEACE COMES FROM FOLLOWING CHRIST Thousands of people each year visit the Winchester Mansion in San Jose, California. This massive structure was built by Sarah Winchester, the widow of the gun company owner. For thirty-eight years, from 1884 until her death in 1922, the house was under constant construction. Teams of carpenters, masons and other...

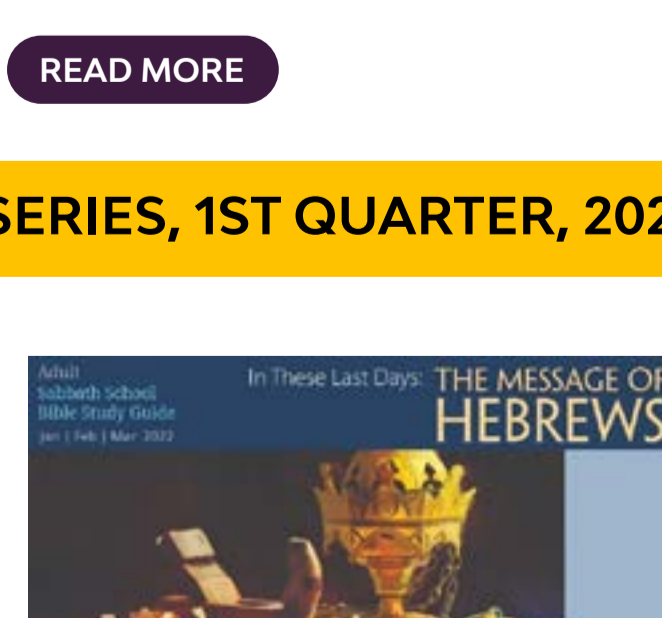
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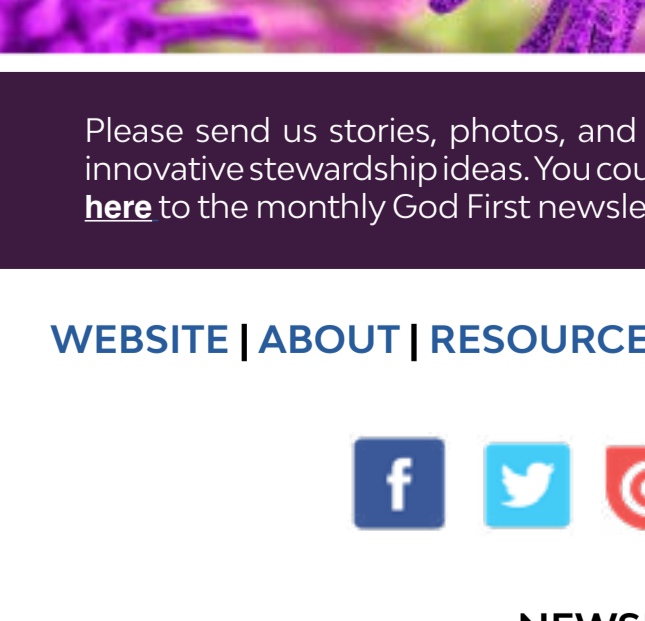
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The Stewpot, Vol. 26, Issue 12: Trust the Process. Being a good steward of our time, health, and money is a process. And when we trust the process, with God's help we will eventually become good stewards.

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E. G. WHITE'S QUOTATIONS

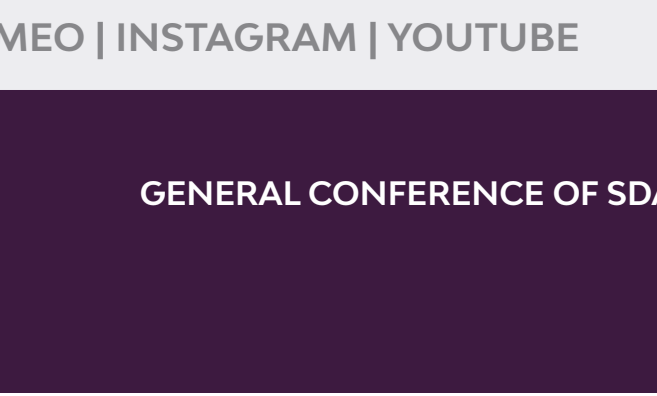


It is peace that you need—Heaven's forgiveness and peace and love in the soul. Money cannot buy it, intellect cannot procure it, wisdom cannot attain to it; you can never hope, by your own efforts, to secure it. But God offers it to you as a gift, "without money and without price." Isaiah 55:1. It is yours if you will but reach out your hand and grasp it... —A Call to Stand Apart, p. 29.

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In These Last Days: The Message of Hebrews—Courtesy of SPD In this quarter, we will study about Jesus. In the person of Jesus, three dimensions of the story of redemption intersect. The first is the local, personal dimension (Jesus, our personal Savior). The second is the corporate, national dimension (Jesus, our Leader). The third is the universal dimension (Jesus, the new Adam, our Redeemer).



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