

# STRENGTHEN AND GROW YOUR MINISTRY

## LCEF MINISTRY MOMENTS VIDEO SERIES

### **Funding the Mission #1 – The Offering Plate**

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Many members view the offering as a monetary transaction based on the way our economy is structured – they “pay” for church services via the offering.

#### **How to change people’s view of the offering?**

##### **1. Teaching Points**

- It’s not my money.
  - All of our money belongs to the Lord. He simply allows us to be financial stewards of His money.
- The offering plate supports all ministry.
  - The offering supports all ministry done at the church, not just the worship service.
- The offering is a corporate practice.
  - As a congregation the Lord has gathered, we are pooling our resources to serve Him and His kingdom.

##### **2. Best Practices**

- Teach stewardship.
  - Continually teach that everything you have belongs to the Lord. All of it, not just the 10% tithe.
  - We are entrusted by the Lord to decide how best to use our lives for His purposes.
- Make these stewardship choices together as a congregation.
  - We should be helping one another make faithful choices.
- Publish what the offering plate supports.
  - Keep the congregation informed on the ministries you produce and how much they cost.
- Publish a giving pyramid.
  - Publish a breakdown of what families need to contribute to support the ministries.
  - Use historical giving data to build the giving pyramid.
- Use the offering time to teach, story tell and invite.
  - Teach stewardship.
  - Present your ministry plans.
  - Story tell what the dollars are doing.
  - Invite people to join in with their dollars and time.