

STRENGTHEN AND GROW YOUR MINISTRY

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Stewardship #5 – Stewardship as a Congregation

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It's easy for church members to see themselves as customers paying for services from the church rather than stewards of the congregation's ministries.

How to transform the members' relationships to the congregation?

1. Teach

- Teach what it means to be a collection of God's faithful stewards.
- Give regular reminders in publications, sermons, and announcements.
- Shift your daily language to reflect the truth that God brought us together to manage the ministries of the congregation.

2. Present

- Present your budget in a way that reflects the ministries of the church.
- Build a full budget based on the needs of your ministries rather than trying to fit your ministries into a preconceived budget.
- Break down the expenses by ministry or ministry area so members can see what their dollars are supporting.
- Present a giving pyramid that fully supports the budget's expenses.

3. Invite

- Invite people to participate in all ministries, even if indirectly.
- Find ways to connect people to ministries across the board.

4. Celebrate

- Celebrate what God has entrusted to you and what He does through your collective ministries.
- Celebrate weekly in worship and regularly at fellowship events.

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