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Stewardship #7 – Funding Congregational Ministries

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Budgeting is a stressful and divisive process for the church, and poor stewardship of funds can stall a congregation's ministry.

How to be good stewards of congregational funds?

1. Budget well

- Who has God called you to be as a congregation?
- Where is God calling you to go as a congregation?
- Budget your resources to fulfill God's specific calling for your church.

2. Teach congregational financial stewardship

- Consider stewardship teachings like LCEF's *Consecrated Stewards*.

3. Set aside emergency funds

- Set aside cash reserves frequently and consistently.
- Plan for the unexpected.

4. Plan for future ministry

- Decide the direction of your ministry over the next 3–5 years.
- Lay out finances according to your ministry goals.
- Begin asking for above and beyond donations to support future ministry.