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New Year Ministry Planning #3 – A Year of Stewardship Stories

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Life is busy, and stewardship and giving can often fall to the wayside. People often struggle to see outside of their own lives and make giving back a priority.

How to encourage members in their stewardship?

1. Stewardship story volunteers

- Seek out volunteers to tell their stewardship story throughout the course of an entire year.
- Share stewardship stories once or twice a month.

2. Story content

- Begin with a story about:
 - What drew them to your church.
 - What kept them coming to your church.
 - What was a time when your church especially surrounded them with love, grace, and mercy.
- They can include stories about financially giving back, but they don't have to. Stories can focus on how the Lord inspired your people to attend worship regularly and volunteer for ministries – this is stewardship as well.

3. Scripture

- Encourage your storytellers to share the scripture verse that has meant the most to them as they have lived out their stewardship story.
- The scripture that touched the storyteller's life may inspire another member to take a step in their own stewardship journey.

4. Stewardship processes

- Consider building upon this stewardship inspiration by taking your congregation through an LCEF stewardship process.
- Consecrated Stewards – month-long stewardship process.
- StewardPath – four months of stewardship emphasis.