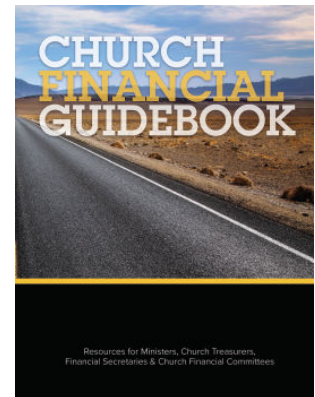


Breakout Summary – Church Finances 101: from the basics to best practices

The correct Biblical concept of money is that God owns it all and allows us to manage it for him.

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” Psalm 24:1

1. Enlist spiritually mature leaders that are also gifted in the area of finances.
 - ✓ Finances is the number one subject of church conflict. This ministry requires leaders that are first spiritually mature and second financially skilled.
 - ✓ Keep the spiritual focus in every aspect of the work of the church finance team.
2. Continually develop and focus the church finance team on their task.
 - ✓ Provide annual training and encourage team members with specific tasks to take advantage of ongoing training.
 - ✓ Communicate a clear purpose for each member
 - ✓ Steward the resources of the church
 - ✓ Develop stewards in the church
3. Develop and enforce a system of checks and balances at every level.
 - ✓ Develop accountable practices for each area including collection and counting of the offering, church budgeting, check writing procedures, credit Card procedures, reimbursement procedures, and account balancing & reporting
4. Seek to encourage fellow believers to grow in the grace of giving.
 - ✓ Lead Personal Finance Management courses for individuals and couples in the church.
 - ✓ Lead an annual stewardship campaign
 - ✓ Encourage stewardship each Sunday through creative means



“Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way,” says the LORD of Armies. “See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.” Malachi 3:10