

BEST CHURCH PRACTICES & RESOURCES

to advance Biblical generosity and financial freedom in congregations

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TEACHING

1	Sunday School Curriculum www.crown.org
2	Small Group Bible Study Curriculum www.crown.org
3	Financial Seminar(s) www.goodsenseministry.com www.crown.org www.daveramsey.com
4	Self-published or customized curriculum www.christianstewardshipnetwork.com (participating churches) www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org
5	Generosity devotions or 40 Day Focus www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org
6	Children-Youth-College Curriculum www.crown.org
7	Membership Class generosity teaching www.pastors.com (Saddleback Church's 101,201,301,401)
8	Estate Planning Seminar Denominations www.cfpn.org www.aboutplannedgiving.com www.nationalchristian.com www.barnabasfoundation.com www.visionresourcing.com
9	Financial or generosity tracts/flyers/mailers www.crown.org www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org

PREACHING & WORSHIP SERVICES

10	Preaching Message or Sermon Series www.generousgiving.org www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org
11	Guest speaker on finances or generosity www.crown.org
12	Generosity testimonies (live or video) www.goodsenseministry.com www.generousgiving.org
13	Dramas with financial or generosity theme www.goodsenseministry.com www.generousgiving.org
14	Weekly generosity verse (with graphic/photo) www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org www.istockphoto.com
15	Videos with financial or generosity theme www.goodsenseministry.com www.generousgiving.org www.sermonspice.com

SHEPHERDING & COUNSELING

16	Budget/Credit Counselors or Referral www.crown.org www.goodsenseministry.com
17	Benevolence Help / Counseling www.crown.org
18	Career Guidance Resources www.crossroadscareer.org www.crown.org (Career Direct)
19	Christian Financial Professional Referral www.cfpn.org
20	Estate/Planned Giving Services/Referral www.aboutplannedgiving.com www.nationalchristian.com www.barnabasfoundation.com www.visionresourcing.com First check for any denomination resources & services
21	Target Group Ministries (single parents, women, business owners/professional, etc.) www.crown.org
22	Community or Denomination Fdn Referral www.nationalchristian.com Denomination resources

23	Financial & tax planning for church staff www.cfpn.org www.clergysupport.com
24	Ministering to people with the gift of giving www.generousgiving.org www.crown.org www.cfpn.org www.nationalchristian.com www.thegathering.com www.soundmindinvesting.com www.thegoodsteward.com

COLLECTIONS & ADMINISTRATION

25	Offering Envelopes www.americanchurch.com www.churchbudget.com www.envelopeservice.com www.onewriteco.com www.wengercorp.com
26	Electronic Fund Transfer Giving available www.vancoservices.com www.e-tithes.com www.directtithing.com www.etransfer.com www.cathedralstewardship.com www.eqive-usa.com www.smartpaymentsolutions.com www.churchwerks.com
27	On-line Giving available (see websites on #27)
28	Stock brokerage giving account
29	Christian community (or denomination) Foundation account www.nationalchristian.com
30	Annual confidential analysis of giving patterns www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org
31	Financial info on website www.calvaryftl.org/stewardship/index.cfm www.1freechurch.org
32	Review national church salary survey studies www.nacba.net
33	Approved list of projects awaiting funding www.1freechurch.org/list.shtml
34	Giving statements/chart sent out 3-4x/year www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org
35	Financial newsletter sent w/statements www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org
36	Faithful church accounting practice www.churchlawtoday.com www.nacba.net
37	Generosity info in bulletin/newsletter
38	Training & Resources for Denominations, Pastors, Church Leaders/Committees/Staff www.christianstewardshipnetwork.com www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org www.stewardship.org www.buildingchurchleaders.com www.visionresourcing.com
39	Staff/leaders asked or required to be givers
40	Stewardship leader/committee established to advance Biblical \$ teaching and generosity www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org
41	Written financial, borrowing, generosity philosophy, principles, practices & policies www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org www.nacba.net

CAMPAIGNS

42	Annual Stewardship Campaign or Pledging www.generousgiving.org www.stewardshipresources.org www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org www.barnabasfoundation.com www.klwenterprises.com www.visionresourcing.com
43	90-Day Tithing Challenge Guarantee www.injoy.com www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org www.leaderskillsinc.com
44	Missions Conference or Faith Promise www.acmc.org
45	Building/Capital Fund Campaigns www.cargillassociates.com www.thegagegroup.com www.injoystewardship.com www.stewardshipenrichment.com www.rsichurch.viscarn.com www.pastors.com (Time to Build Kit) www.MAXIMUMgenerosity.org (40 Days to a More Generous Life) www.shepherdsgroup.com www.tlministries.com