

STEWARDSHIP INVENTORY

[This survey was constructed in 2005 by a stewardship workgroup of Presbyterian Church in America members in Chattanooga, Tenn., under the leadership of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, in cooperation with the Generous Giving Foundation. Ideas were also gained from a stewardship survey designed by Willowcreek Community Church, South Barrington, IL. Feel free to modify this survey to meet your church's information needs.]

Your responses to this inventory will help your church to provide better stewardship assistance, toward the goal of becoming more generous Christians. Thank you in advance for completing this brief, anonymous survey.

- A. Church name:** _____
- B. Are you** a member a regular attendee a visitor a church officer
- C. Age group:** 12-17 attend college 18-30 31-40 41-50 51-65 65 +
- D. Gender:** Female Male
- E. Marital Status:** Single Married
- F. Children at home?** Yes No If so, how many at home? _____
- G. Household Income level:**
 \$0-\$25,000 \$25,001-50,000 \$50,001-75,000 \$75,001-100,000
 \$100,001-150,000 \$150,001-250,000 \$250,001-500,000
 \$500,001-1,000,000 over \$1,000,000
1. If you're a follower of Christ, for how long have you been one?
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10 years +
 2. In general, how satisfied are you with your progress in the faith?
 Very satisfied Satisfied Uncertain Dissatisfied Very dissatisfied
 3. Regarding budgeting, I
 Regularly use a budget Generally follow a budget
 Tried, but am unable to budget Don't budget
 4. Overall, how would you estimate your current financial situation?
 I'm currently content with my financial situation
 I have minor struggles, but am able to make ends meet
 I'm under great financial stress, such that it disrupts my life
 I need help in my finances in this way _____
 5. What are your greatest financial concerns (check all that apply)?
 Inadequate emergency fund Losing my job Retirement income Medical expenses
 Inadequate giving Preserving my wealth Wisely leaving an inheritance Inadequate saving

6. What moves you to give? [Please check your top two personal reasons.]
 Personal appeals Biblical teaching Being able to give to a cause for which I'm passionate A personal relationship with someone in the ministry Guilt
 For personal prosperity Duty Love of God
7. What kind of stewardship help would best serve you (check all that apply)? Small group 10-week financial study An excellent 1-day financial seminar Personal 1:1 counseling Media resources (books, CDs, websites, radio, etc.) A popular financial book small group study
 Other _____
8. Which of the following seminars would you actually try to attend?
 Investment basics Advanced investing Biblical financial principles
 How to budget Christian business principles Giving strategically
 Understanding insurance Getting out of debt Estate planning
 Financial parenting
 This seminar would really interest me: _____

9. For what 3 specific giving causes are you most passionate? [Causes for example, such as evangelism, youth ministry, emergency relief, unreached peoples, etc.] (1=most passionate)
 (1) _____
 (2) _____
 (3) _____
10. What percentage of your total income do you actually give to your church? _____
 What percentage of total income goes to Christian ministries in the USA
 (beyond giving to church)? _____
 What percentage of total income goes to Christian ministry outside the USA
 (beyond giving to church)? _____
11. What percentage of your total income would you like to give to the Lord? _____
 If you are not giving that percentage, what reasons best explain why (check all that apply)? Consumer debt My current standard of living Poor money management My spouse does not approve I need more faith Fear
 Other _____
12. What percentage of your total income goes for credit card and consumer debt [debt other than for a mortgage]? _____
13. What percentage of your total income do you save, excluding retirement savings?
 0-3% 3-10% 10-20% over 20%

14. How could your church make giving easier for you? _____

15. What percentage of total giving to your church would you like to see go to your church's operating budget (local church program, operating costs and staff)? _____
 To local and USA missions? _____
 To world missions? _____
 [The total should equal 100%] 100%
16. How many hours of time do you donate to Christian ministry, on average, per month, including to your church? _____
17. Do you feel as though the church gives you sufficient opportunity to engage your time, talent and treasure? Yes No If no, what opportunity would you like to have?

18. Would you like to take a spiritual gift assessment? Yes No
 If yes, please call the church office and leave your contact information. Also please contact the church if you would like to have free 1:1 personal debt/budget counseling.
19. What other comments might you have? _____

