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# Six NT Tips for Stewards to be Generous in Times of Crisis

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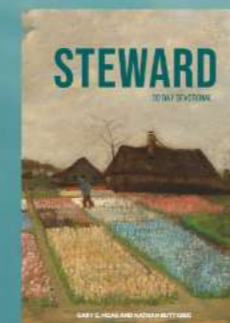


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# Overview and Outline

## Six NT Tips for Stewards to be Generous in Times of Crisis

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| <b>1</b> | How much should each person give?    |    | <b>2</b> | Who should handle the money?            |    |
| <b>3</b> | What is an “acceptable gift” to God? |   | <b>4</b> | Why do standards matter?                |   |
| <b>5</b> | What does God want to see?           |  | <b>6</b> | What if we all affixed a seal on gifts? |  |

## Paul’s Letters re: “the Jerusalem Collection” (c. AD 53-58)

## How much should each person give?

“Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come.” 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (c. A.D. 54)

1

### Share Your Margin

God has resourced you for generosity in crisis, just like he resourced the Christians of Galatia, Corinth, Ephesus, etc...

*What's your margin to share?*

Make a “Faith Promise” commitment to live simply and give generously to WBTC and other ministries.



## Who should handle the money?

“And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.” 1 Corinthians 16:3-4 (c. A.D. 54)

### 2

## Appoint Trusted Administrators

Identify people with certification or credential to handle money. It's extra work, but it ensures the integrity of the process. Need assistance?



*Need help for the ministry you serve?*

GTP programs aim to multiply faithful stewards who can help administrate God's work efficiently and effectively.

## What is an “acceptable gift” to God?

“For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.” 2 Corinthians 8:12 (c. A.D. 57)

3

### Put to work what you have

Jesus reflects an abundance rather than scarcity mindset in crisis. Consider the boy with five loaves and two fish, He blesses it and does a miracle.

*What do you have?*

Take inventory. Put to work what you have for God. Acceptable giving holds nothing back from God.



## Why do standards matter?

“We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others.” 2 Corinthians 8:20-21 (c. A.D. 57)

### 4

## Preserve God’s Reputation

Following standards with financial controls, keeping records and having audits is work. It aims to avoid criticism and protect God’s honor as it’s God’s money.



*What does God expect of us?*

He cares as much about what we do as how we do it.  
We must comply with laws and honor God.

## What does God want to see?

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (c. A.D. 54)

### 5

## Give Cheerfully and Generously

Paul teaches us this because we must willingly choose to be givers. It's out of love and not out of obligation. Freely you receive and freely give.



*What does God look at related to our giving?*

The world sees what we give. God looks at what we don't give cheerfully and what that says about our hearts.

## What if all ministries affixed a seal?

“Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain. I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.”  
Romans 15:28-29 (c. A.D. 58)

## 6

### Support Faithful Ministries

All over the world, ministries are affixing a seal to demonstrate that they are handling God’s money with standards. Support these ministries.



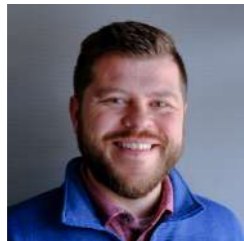
*Why are ministries around world adopting standards?*  
The world is watching us. We want to live such good lives that people see Christ through our administration.





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# Summary and Six NT Tips


## Six NT Tips for Stewards to be Generous in Times of Crisis

**1** How much should each person give?




Tip #1 - Share your Margin

**2** Who should handle the money?



Tip #2 - Appoint Trusted Administrators

**3** What is an “acceptable gift” to God?




Tip #3 - Put to Work What You Have

**4** Why do standards matter?




Tip #4 - Preserve God’s Reputation

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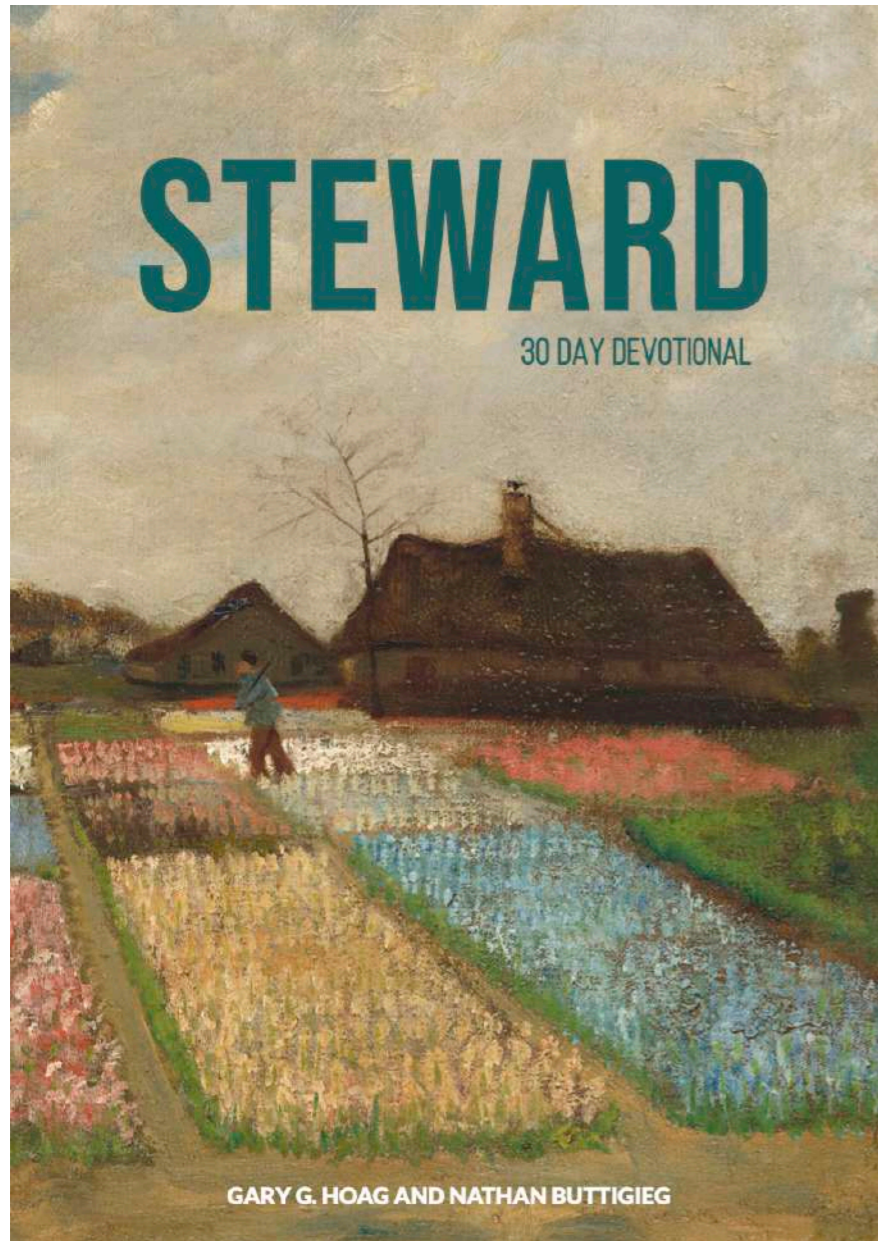
Tip #5 - Give Cheerfully and Generously

**6** What if we all affixed a seal on gifts?



Tip #6 - Support Faithful Ministries

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