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# ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY, CURATED RESOURCES AND MORE ...

*Being Generous ... Connecting Generations ... Equipping Household ... Creating Centers of Generosity ...  
Living God's Story ... Gathering at the Table ...*

The following resources are offered in addition to those listed in The Generosity Project: 5G Planning Guide and for each of The Generosity Project: 5G sessions.

The curated list includes books, curriculum, ELCA related resources, suggestions for developing financial smarts, research, games and more. Some resources are free; others are available for a fee.

Equipping households to daily respond to God's extravagant generosity is a yearlong opportunity! Equipping individuals of each generation, age and developmental stage of life to live as grateful stewards offers endless, creative possibilities! How can The Generosity Project become the focus of your congregation and household ministry 24/7/365?

## BOOKS

**Children's books**, [Curated list on generosity and sharing](#).

The best way to instill an overall attitude of generosity and giving is to teach children from a young age to look for small ways to be generous and sharing with others in their daily lives rather than waiting for opportunities for large and impressive acts.

**Embracing Stewardship: How to Put Stewardship at the Heart of Your Congregation's Life.** Charles R. Lane & Grace Duddy Pomroy.

Embracing Stewardship, LLC. 2016. Offers realistic ways to grow stewards while being mindful of generational perspectives.

**Gifts of Grace: Action Guide for Congregations** offers an asset based approach to stewardship, in Spanish and English.

**Grateful: The Transforming Power of Giving Thanks.** Diana Butler Bass. Pub: HarperCollins. 2018.

Guide for reclaiming gratitude as a spiritual practice for a greater connection with God, the world and our own souls.

**I Like Giving**, Brad Formsmma. Waterbook Press, Colorado Springs, CO., 2014.

Book is filled with inspiring stories of generosity and practical suggestions to create a lifestyle of generosity. Also a website with short videos to encourage giving.

**Making Grateful Kids: The Science of Building Character**, Jeffrey J. Froth & G. Bono. Templeton Press. West Conshohochen, PA. 2014.

The authors make the case that gratitude matters and it matters in kids. Filled with scientifically based advice and examples for households.

**The Opposite of Spoiled: Raising Kids Who Are Grounded, Generous, and Smart About Money.** Ron Lieber. Harper Collins. New York, NY. 2015.

A book for parents or anyone who desires to have productive conversations about money with kids. A guidebook full of advice and stories.

**The Paradox of Generosity Giving We Receive: Grasping We Lose.** Christian Smith & H. Davidson. Oxford University Press. New York, NY. 2014.

Filled with data and insights from the research of Notre Dame's Science of Generosity Initiative.

**Story Path.** An excellent curated bibliography for children regarding stewardship that reflects topics of sharing, saving, consumerism, generosity, and scarcity vs. abundance.

**Will Our Children Be Stewards?** Episcopal Network for Stewardship.

Books to read with children.

## CURRICULUM

### **Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity**

A stewardship resource in English and Spanish offering a four-week Stewardship emphasis. Includes devotions, sermon starts, Bible study and a children's story. Ecumenical Stewardship Center, \$7.99.

### **Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty and Delight,** Select Learning.

The overarching theme of this course is, "This is good news!" This course features seven 20-minute video sessions on DVD, a comprehensive study guide and participant handouts. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio.

### **ELCA Stewardship**

A plethora of practical resources available in English and Spanish for download. Subscribe to StewardNet, which includes resources for households.

- **Make It Simple**

A comprehensive congregational stewardship resource to assist you teaching living simply and generously. Includes resources for worship, sermons, families, at-home, kids activities, all congregational gatherings, DVD's, free downloads and much more.

- **Stewards of God's Love**

An easy to use year-round guide to stewardship in your congregation.

### **Embracing Extravagant Generosity—the Heart of Giving,** Abingdon Press.

Although this is a four-week "campaign," these are valuable resources, especially the book of devotions, *Practicing Extravagant Generosity*. It leads people through the Scriptures encouraging them to understand financial discipleship in terms of their own faith practice.

### **Faith Ink Stewardship,** Faith Inkubators.

A resource for congregations. Provides tools for all generations to grow as stewards of time, talent and treasure. Includes four to six weeks of materials for learning and worship with a home connection. Includes CD-ROM, PowerPoint presentations, skits, Bible verse songs, FAITH5 devotions and bookmarks, leader's toolbox.

### **Kids and Money Milestone,** Milestones Ministries.

This 32-page Milestones Module is intended for first and second graders. Recognizes children and adults as stewards of what God had given to them. Includes a worship litany, cross+generational events and four key activities for the home.

### **Living Well: Christian Practices for Everyday Life,** John Roberto. Lifelong Faith. 1999. Free download.

Chapter 8: Managing Household Life, "How we spend our money says a lot about what we value in life ... . We believe God is the creator so God owns everything ... . We are called to manage our money to serve God, our household and the needs of others."

**Parents, Kids and Money Matters & Parents, Teens and Money Matters**, Thrivent Financial. Award-winning curriculum and workshops available from a Thrivent Financial representative. A one-hour workshop for kids (ages 6-10) and teens and their parents to learn and talk about healthy stewardship practices in the home. The Blue Pig (kids) and a Cash Cache Handbook (teens) are gifts for participants in the workshop. Free.

**Stewardship for the 21st Century**, Luther Seminary.

This is a vast, comprehensive center with print, web and video resources to support stewardship in the congregation and homes. Check out the three intergenerational lessons on generosity. Each lesson is 50-60 minutes. Each session is created for mixed-age groups containing adults, children and youth. Free download. Cross+gen lessons: [Calculating the Cost](#), [Being a Cheerful Giver](#), [Pennies For God](#).

## FINANCIAL SMARTS

**FamZoo**, a virtual family bank.

Online family banking designed for kids and parents. Earn. Save. Budget. Spend. Donate. Learn.

**The Great Piggy Bank Adventure**

An online teaching tool and free interactive online game aimed at 8- to 14-year-olds. Teaches lessons about personal-finance management. Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Online teamed up with T. Rowe Price to design the virtual board, set in a mythical, three-dimensional world.

**Money Sanity U**, Nathan Dungan

A guide to help your family build healthy money habits. Designed to bring families together to build new skills, counteract hyper-consumerism and equip the next generation for a lifetime of financial stewardship. Includes DVD.

**ParentFurther**, Search Institute Resource for Families.

Click on “Prepare for the Future” and “Manage Money Well.”

**Rooster Money**

Helps parents teach their children the value of Share Save Spend in a digital age.

**Sesame Street**, Finances for Kids

A bilingual multimedia program created to help families share experiences in developing financial basics that will impact their children now and in the future. Extensive tool kits for parents, caregivers and educators.

**Thrivent Financial “Live Generously”**

Live wisely with money and join the Generosity Movement - be inspired and inspire others. Do not need to be a member of Thrivent to access resources.

## RESEARCH & RELEVANT ARTICLES

**The Developmental Stages of Generosity**

There is much to be learned from the theories of human moral, social-emotional and faith development when it comes to understanding one’s capacity for generous behavior. Parallels are made between James Fowler’s Stages of Faith and the development of generosity.

## GENERATION G

**GENERATION G** captures the growing importance of generosity as a leading societal and business mindset. The need for more generosity coincides with the ongoing emergence of an online-fueled culture of individuals who share, give, engage, create and collaborate in large numbers.

**Kids and Advertising**

Stewardship is serious business! Who is teaching our kids and households – the church?

### **Learning to Give**

A beautiful website. A treasury of cross-cultural resources that teaches about generosity, philanthropic historic, issues kids care about and roles of citizenship. Connects the themes of giving and philanthropy.

### **Pew Research Center**

FACTANK Facts on population of each generation. April 25, 2016.

### **Science of Generosity**

The Science of Generosity Initiative and research at Notre Dame bring together diverse approaches in the study of generosity. It supports, conducts and shares scientific research on the manifestations and consequences of generosity.

### **The Generosity Gap**

A Barna report produced in partnership with Thrivent Financial. What does it mean to be generous? And how is generosity changing? 2017. A paperback plus access to four webinars.

## **AND MORE**

### **Board games**

Includes reviews of Monopoly and other family games to play with a purpose.

### **Encouraging Generosity In Children**, Rows of Sharon

A faith-based blog with helpful downloadable resources. Sharon Ely Pearson, editor and Christian formation specialist for The Episcopal Church publishing is a trusted resource!

### **Disciples of All Generations**. Liz Perrard. The Thread, Princeton University Web site.

Reasons for congregations to become intergenerational. Free downloadable intergenerational visioning tool.

### **Ecumenical Stewardship Center: A Network of Growing Stewards**

*Giving: Growing Stewards in Your Congregation* is a digital magazine packed with resources to support stewardship in congregations. Articles offer practical information on stewardship for all generations and critiques the newest resources on stewardship. Includes articles on generosity and children. Check out the feature article on The Generosity Project, Vol 21. #2, p. 14.

### **Films**

Curated by Edutopia, 10 videos, each less than five minutes, that lift up generosity.

### **Spirituality & Practice**, The Spiritual Practice of Generosity

### **Ultimate Resources for Teaching Kids About Money** – a curated list of resources

Many parents wonder how they can teach kids about money and where to find age-appropriate resources online. Here you go.