



The Everence Stewardship Ministry Wheel

The Everence Stewardship Ministry Wheel is a comprehensive guide for cultivating congregational generosity and deepening the understanding and practice of faithful stewardship. At Everence, we believe the work of planning, telling, teaching, inviting, and thanking is rooted in a growing faith in Jesus Christ. It's framed by the understanding that everything in our care belongs to God (Psalm 24:1) and aimed at developing a vibrant stewardship ministry that supports and sustains each church's mission.



Planning for the future:

Build a solid stewardship foundation and a comprehensive strategy for faithful and fruitful ministry.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

How does your financial stewardship support your congregation's mission and vision?

Do you have a clearly articulated mission, vision and budget?

TOOLS FOR REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- Stewardship Ministry Assessment Tool
- Aligning Stewardship with Mission workshop
- Missional queries
- Endowments
- Giving pyramid
- Pastoral salary guidelines, benefits, and clergy tax information
- Everence church finance manual

Telling our story:

Develop creative communication strategies that highlight what God is doing in and through our congregation and the difference your generosity is making.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Does your budget communicate impact and inspire giving?

How does your congregation share stories about how God is at work in and through your church?

How do your church leaders model generous living and giving?

TOOLS FOR REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- Money autobiography – personal and congregational
- Communication planning resources
- Narrative budget
- Celebrating giving resources
- Stewardship education resources

Teaching biblical stewardship:

Educate, equip and empower a community of generous and faithful stewards in biblical wisdom and spiritual practices throughout their lives and in their life together.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

What is your theology of stewardship?

Where and how often do you teach biblical stewardship?

How do your spiritual practices form faithful stewardship?

How do you teach practical financial wellness skills for all age groups?

TOOLS FOR REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- Curriculum resources
- Recommended books
- Preaching resources
- Workshops/webinars
- Financial well-being curriculum and workshops

Inviting participation:

Develop confident, creative and practical ways to invite people to give generously to the life-changing ministry of the church.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

How are you inviting people into the financial ministry of the church?

In what ways do you encourage your congregation to give?

Who is involved in inviting generosity?

TOOLS FOR REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- Cultivating generous congregations
- Gifts that give now/back/twice/later
- Church giving brochure
- Charitable products/services
- Electronic giving resources

Thanking with gratitude:

Cultivate cultures of thanksgiving to God and to one another through intentional and consistent practices of gratitude.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Who is involved in thanking?

In what ways do you express gratitude for people's generosity?

How does your community celebrate generosity and the impact you are making in the world?

TOOLS FOR REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- Stewardship thanking resources
- Pastor's role in thanking
- Best practices for year-end statements and gift receipts