

discover

managing money

God's way:

an interactive workshop exploring
a biblical perspective on money and possessions



it's time to start talking money

Managing Money God's Way is an interactive workshop exploring our money and possessions from a biblical perspective.

Creative exercises stimulate discussion alongside moments for personal reflection and some refreshingly new biblical input.

Participants share their own joys and struggles around money with honesty and laughter as we try to understand the power of money to bless us or burden us.

Using the biblical story of the Exodus journey the course aims to:

- help participants reflect on the captivity of debt, money anxiety and materialism
- reflect on our formative money experiences, learning to tell our "money autobiography"
- understand all we have as the gift of God and the importance of giving and gratitude in the biblical command to "remember the Lord your God"
- suggest a biblical understanding of the importance of budgeting and financial planning

it's time to start talking confidently

Money is rarely a subject we can discuss easily. Most of us are anxious about it, if not for ourselves then for those we love. If we are in debt, and many are, anxiety is usually severe. As Keith Tondeur often says, Christians feel guilty if they have money, guilty if they don't!



We need to talk money, not attend a lecture, a presentation or hear an extended sermon on tithing!

Managing Money God's Way will do this for your church.

Wealth as gift, temptation and obligation

Jesus said we cannot serve God and money but; most of us are not quite convinced!

Recent events have shaken our consumer confidence and our confidence in the financial system but we still live in an affluent society. We buy the lifestyle magazines, allow others who have more than us to set our own lifestyle expectations and watch the TV adverts designed to create discontent with what we do have.

Even if we are convinced it is not easy to know how to manage money God's way.

We know we should store up treasures in heaven but what does it actually mean to be "future faithful" around money?

Is it just about giving?

Or does our stewardship of money cover all aspects of our dealings with money: spending, saving, borrowing, budgeting and more?

the details

- Timing:** **Managing Money God's Way** is normally a three hour workshop on Saturday morning or a Sunday afternoon. An evening session is possible.
- Numbers:** aim for 20 to 45 participants but note that the workshop is very flexible.
- Venue:** suitable for informal seating, café style around tables to allow for group working around a centrally placed screen.
- Refreshments:** light refreshments should be provided before and half way through the workshop. Optionally, a light meal, Alpha style, works before an evening session or to close a Saturday workshop.
- Cost:** The cost to the church of hosting a workshop is £150 plus travel expenses which are capped at £50. The local church is free to make a small charge to participants to offset this cost. A small charge often helps people to value the training opportunity.
- Booking:** Book online by visiting www.stewardship.org.uk/money
- To discuss hosting a workshop in your church contact Fiona Mearns on education@stewardship.org.uk or **0208 502 8585**

"Managing Money God's Way was a revelation to our church. We thought we were doing a good job teaching people about money and possessions, but this workshop showed us there is always lots more to learn from the Bible."

"I would thoroughly recommend this workshop. Its biblical approach is perfect and the appropriate emphasis is focused on each of the essential elements"

"Fantastic – really inspiring! When can you come to my church?"



how can I take part?

1. join us at a regional workshop

A number of regional workshops are held each year around the UK. These are open events and the cost per place is £20.

They are a must for new money ministries, money advocates and anyone who wants to think biblically about money.

- ➔ Visit the training and events tab at www.stewardship.org.uk/money for details of forthcoming workshops and to book online.
- ➔ Visit the take action tab on the website to learn more about starting a money ministry or being a money advocate in your church.

2. host a workshop in your local church

Managing Money God's Way can also be hosted by a local church as a creative teaching session exploring money and possessions as normal part of personal discipleship.

- Consider running the workshop as part of a church money weekend.
- Invite Stewardship to lead a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon workshop and to preach at the morning and evening services.

The workshop is open to the whole congregation and churches should feel free to publicise it to other churches. The approach is cross-denominational, with plenty of time for discussion and exploring issues (such as tithing) without taking a definitive position.

Please note that **Managing Money God's Way** offers a biblical perspective on money to challenge and change our thinking and therefore our actions. It includes some practical tips and some very practical resources.

But the workshop does not set out to give practical, hands on advice on creating a budget, tips for managing money or guidance on personal debt.

Stewardship also offers practical, technical training in preparing a budget in a separate, full day training event.

- ➔ Visit the training and events tab on the website to find out more about Personal Budget Coaching.