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Follow the Money

Often in TV crime dramas, the good guys will observe that if you want to catch the bad guy, you have to “follow the money.”

Money reveals a great deal to be sure. For believers, our use of money reveals our priorities, and is an indication of whether or not we truly value what God does.

There are lots of competing demands for the wallets of the members in your church. I suspect that one thing we would all agree on is that God owns it all, and we are called to be faithful stewards of His good gifts to us.

With that as the foundation, I recommend to you *The Marriage Challenge* by Art Rainer (B&H, 2018). You will appreciate his focus on the fact that our number one priority when it comes to our money should be giving back to God. On pp. 62-3, he gives a very practical plan to help people who have never tithed to become tithers over the course of 12 months.

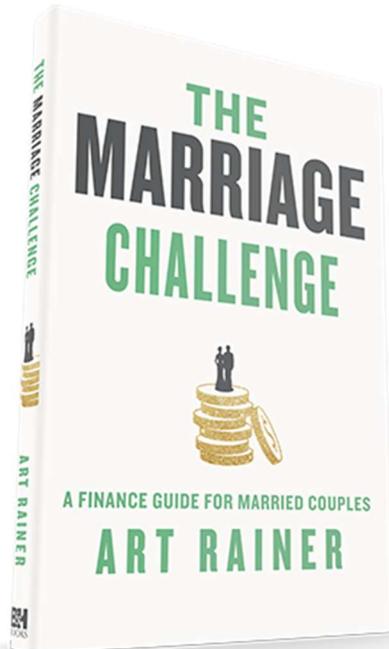
Art deals with other aspects of stewardship, but it all revolves around viewing what we have as God’s, and ourselves as His stewards, and learning to give and live generously.

I recommend you give this book to every engaged couple as part of your pre-marital counseling and require them to read it. And if you haven’t done a series on biblical stewardship recently—or ever—you could use the principles outlined in this little book to develop one.

May the Lord use you to help your people discover the wonderful grace and blessing of living generously with all that God gives.

In Christ,

Dave Lingle
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PS: This fall would be a great time to plan a short term missions trip to the Capitol to connect with and pray with one or more of the legislators who represent the members of your church. Contact me for help in arranging this!

PPS: Remember the exhortation of I Timothy 2:1-4. I encourage you to practice this personally and corporately.