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How About Small Groups?

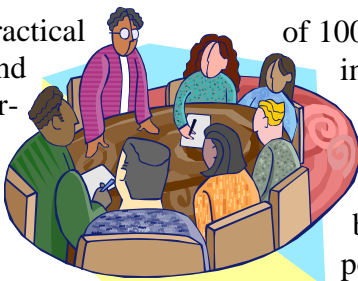
A small group leader's guide is available and sold separately. The leader's guide has helps for each lesson to assist in outlining the primary principles for each lesson and to focus attention on each lesson's highlights. It presents discussion questions that will facilitate the small group study.

In Spanish, Too

The *Spanish* edition will be available in the first quarter of 2009. The book is available from *AdventSource* and the *Adventist Book Centers*. The price is \$12.99.

A Very Timely Tool

The *Faith and Finance* material is being released just in time to coordinate with outreach and nurture efforts by our local churches in connection with the 2009 designation as the "Year of Evangelism." The North American Division has set a faith goal



of 100,000 new members in just this one year! Current enthusiasm would indicate that the goal, by the grace and power of God, is attainable. If all of

the current and new members are educated regarding the Biblical principles of money management, it will be a big boost to strengthen the financial base that is so vital in carrying our work forward.

With more than 2,000 references to money and our attitude toward it, the Bible is a virtual gold mine of financial information. We are very pleased that we now have a tool that can deliver this information to all of our members. We hope and pray that this life-changing material will be used in every church in the North American Division. We welcome all comments and questions about *Faith and Finance* in this first edition so that subsequent printings can be even better. We pray that God will grant each reader His wisdom and blessing for the practical application of the principles.

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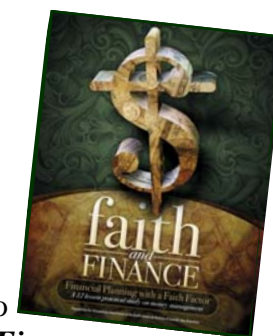
The Stewpot

A potpourri of practical ideas to help you become a better steward

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Faith and Finance *Financial Planning with* *a Faith Factor*

Review by G. Edward Reid



The North American Division is pleased to announce the availability of the new *Faith and Finance* stewardship resource. It has been nearly four years in development and will fill a very valuable need in the lives of church families today.

The book has been published in an 8½" x 11" format with a spiral binding that will help both users and presenters to easily access the forms and worksheets.

What Is It?

Faith and Finance is a 12 lesson practical study on the Biblical principles of money management. Edited by G. Edward Reid, this study will be life-changing for those who read and study the material. The material has been prepared for

personal or small group study and contains helpful forms and Bible study application worksheets at the end of each lesson.

Why Is It Needed?

This book has been prepared in response to the requests of families who wanted information

Faith and Finance: a 12 lesson practical study on the Biblical principles of money management.

Stewardship is a total lifestyle. It involves our health, time, talents, environment, relationships, spirituality and finances.

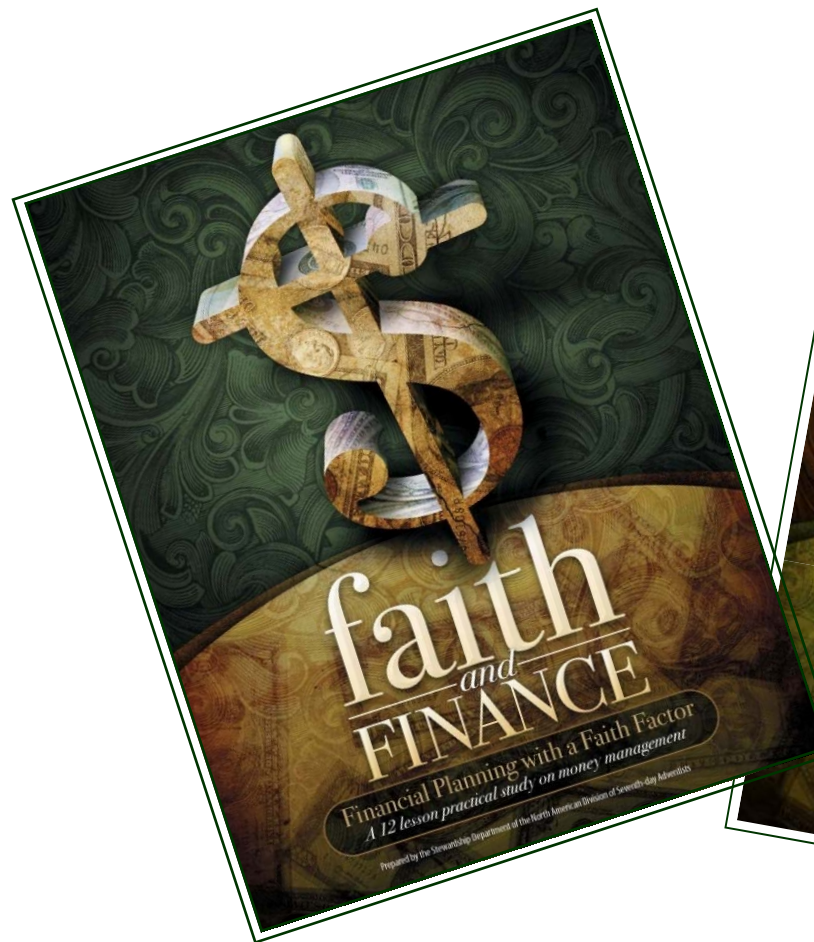
that was Biblically based and yet had the practical information needed to manage family finances in our changing world.

What's In It?

The full cross-section of personal finance is covered, from getting an education to making end-of-life decisions.

Titles include:

- Why Money Management is Important to the Christian
- Planning for the Cycle of Life
- Giving: Tithe, Offerings, Helping Others
- Dealing with Debt
- Making a Budget
- Training Children, Money and Marriage, Money and Singles
- Major Purchases: Housing, Automobiles
- Honesty, Integrity, and Work
- Planning for Retirement
- Saving and Investing
- Inheritance and Estate Planning
- The Rewards of Financial Faithfulness

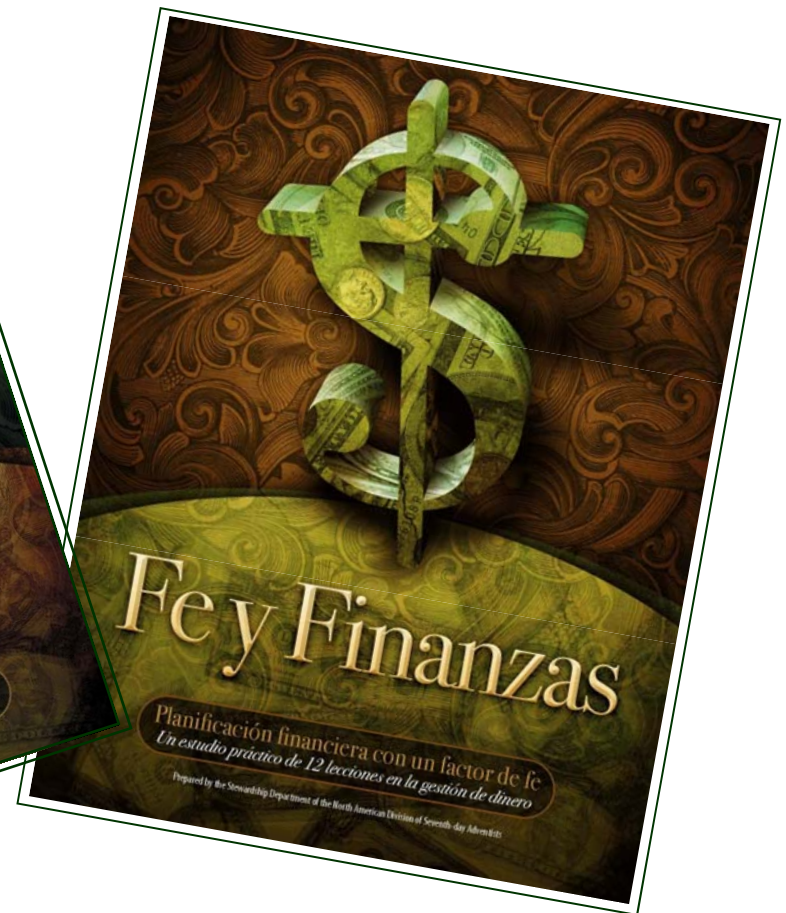


Who Is It For?

Pastors and local church stewardship directors are encouraged to order a leader's guide and the study book for presentation to the local church leaders and to use in promoting its use in small group study. Readers will appreciate the strong Biblical foundation that is evident in the book and will benefit greatly by following the practical principles for

daily living.

Many individuals in the church today did not have good training in managing money. No matter your current age or background, you will benefit from this book. The stress associated with economic downturns and crisis will be minimized. Preliminary feedback has all been very positive, from the cover design to the up-to-date content.



Who Wrote It?

The contributors to this study are Gordon Botting, Dick Hanson, Ben Maxson, and G. Edward Reid. They have all been stewardship directors and financial counselors and have worked together to prepare this material.

Faith and Finance is a unique combination of the Biblical principles of money