

Local Church



LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE

How did you first learn about tithes and offerings? Perhaps it was through Sabbath school or you served as a junior deacon and were able to assist taking up the collection in the worship service? Maybe you saw your parents generosity and modelled your life in the same way?

Ellen G. White suggests that parents and teachers should make the handling of money something practical very early in children's lives; children should learn through practice how to rightly use money.

Modelling good stewardship, if “rightly directed will encourage habits of benevolence” and “will aid the youth in learning to give, not from the mere impulse of the moment, as their feelings are stirred, but regularly, and systematically” as God is giving to them.

Actually, the returning of tithe and the giving of offerings is an important exercise that connects children and young people to God every time they receive something from Him. God is then remembered by them as the Source of every blessing. Are we modelling to our children how to handle money in a practical way? Are we modelling to them the blessing of a simple life in order to save and then provide for the needy? Are they being educated to put God first, by returning His tithe and their offering, before any other expense may be met? Children are a God-given treasure loaned to parents in trust. The Lord requires parents to teach them how to trust in Him and connect with Him, including in their financial life.

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“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,” says Solomon, “and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths” (Prov. 3:5, 6).

Prayer

Lord, help us to trust in You, as the Provider and Maintainer of life, and teach our children to experience it themselves as well! Amen.