

# Stewardship Education Program

## First United Methodist Church-Brandon

### Activity List

#### Level One (Reading)

**FOR TEENS AND ADULTS** (Recommend you read one-four from the following over the course of a year.)

#### 1-1. Proverbs

This book of the Bible gives you tremendous insight into how God's thoughts on parenting, handling money, and a variety of other topics. With 31 chapters, Proverbs is an easy book to go through in about a month and you should do so at least once per year.

#### 1-2. The Richest Man in Babylon - Revised – George S. Clason

This timeless classic holds the key to all you desire and everything you wish to accomplish. This is the book that reveals the secret to personal wealth.

Countless readers have been helped by the famous "Babylonian parables," hailed as the greatest of all inspirational works on the subject of thrift, financial planning, and personal wealth. In language as simple as that found in the Bible, these fascinating and informative stories set you on a sure path to prosperity and its accompanying joys. Acclaimed as a modern-day classic, this celebrated bestseller offers an understanding of - and a solution to - your personal financial problems that will guide you through a lifetime. This is the book that holds the secrets to acquiring money, keeping money, and making money earn more money.

#### 1-3. The Legend of the Monk and the Merchant – Terry Felber

This is a fantastic adventure of personal growth. You'll travel back in time to 16th century Italy, a world of clashing empires, high-seas pirates, and incredible wealth. In this engaging tale, you'll meet young Julio, who is taken on a quest into adulthood, as mysterious family secrets are revealed to him by his grandfather, Antonio. Woven through the story are timeless principles of success: overcoming obstacles, money management, the secret power of partnerships, and many others. *The Legend of the Monk and the Merchant* will change the way you think about your career, wealth, and true success.

#### 1-4. Financial Peace Revisited – Dave Ramsey

You'll discover the lessons he learned the hard way and not only understand *what* to do, but *why* it is so important to take control of your money—and your life

#### 1-5. More than Enough – Dave Ramsey

Dave presents the 10 keys necessary to creating a financial plan that fits your income and creates wealth. Values, goals, patience, discipline, and giving back to the community are some of these essential steps to creating prosperity, living debt free, and achieving marital bliss around the issue of finances.

#### 1-6. Total Money Makeover – Dave Ramsey

Dave condenses his 17 years of financial teaching and counseling into 7 organized, easy-to-follow steps that will lead you out of debt and into a Total Money Makeover. Plus, you'll read over 50 real-life stories from people just like you who have followed these principles and are now winning with their money. It is a plan designed for everyone, regardless of income or age.

### 1-7. Your Money Counts – Howard Dayton

Suffocating materialism is robbing people of their spiritual vitality. This book addresses the profound impact that handling money has on a person's relationship with God.

### 1-8. Free and Clear – Howard Dayton

Overwhelmed with debt? There is hope and freedom for you no matter how big your problem. Skyrocketing debt has crippled and divided millions in this age of rampant credit, interest-only mortgages, and record loan defaults. The way out from under debt burdens is not a declaration of bankruptcy, but surrender to the Word of God. Becoming debt-free may seem an impossible dream for many, but it is actually an attainable goal according to Howard Dayton, president of Crown Financial Ministries. He overcame his own struggle with debt by applying God's principles to managing his finances, principles he lays out in this practical, encouraging, never-give-up book.

### 1-9. Money Life Basics Series – Howard Dayton

This Series offers biblical wisdom, practical advice, and positive encouragement for each topic in the series. It is designed to give an immediate, first-aid response to common financial questions that affect people in their everyday lives. It covers Debt, Spending, Investing, Work, Marriage, and Giving.

### 1-10. Your Money after the Big 5-0 – Larry Burkett and Ron Blue

This book equips readers with the knowledge, financial tools, and wisdom needed to ensure their fiscal well-being in the second half of life. By following Burkett and Blue's definitive direction, we learn to build a portfolio that provides for our family, honors God, and better positions us to bless the generations that follow with a legacy of stewardship and resources.

### 1-11. Making Ends Meet – Larry Burkett

Many people's excuse for not setting up a written budget is that they think they don't have enough money to budget, or they think it would be too complicated. What they don't realize is that they do have a budget — they have income and spend it on expenses — they just don't have a written plan. They don't control their money; their money controls them. The great thing about having a budget is that you decide where your money goes. This book presents the basics of budgeting in an easy-to-understand format that uses a one-page budget form. It explains the real purpose of money, how to use a checking account, and how to deal with things that can wreck a budget — like credit cards.

### 1-12. Using Your Money Wisely – Larry Burkett

This book explores 59 biblical principles that relate to the management of money. Straight talk from Larry Burkett about bankruptcy, gambling, working wives, credit cards, business practices, tithing, children's finances, and many other topics. Not recommended for those who want to skirt the difficult issues.

### 1-13. Business by the Book – Larry Burkett

What would happen if you made your business decisions by the BOOK? This updated version of the bestselling *Business by the Book* offers radical principles of business Management that go beyond the Ten Commandments and other biblical maxims. *Business by the Book* is a step-by-step presentation of how businesses should be run according to the Creator of all management rules. Find out what God's Word says on topics such as:

- Hiring and firing decisions
- Pay increases and promotions
- Management selection

- Employee pay decisions
- Borrowing and/or lending decisions
- Discounting policies
- Forming corporations and partnerships
- Business titling requirements

1-14. Biblical Perspectives on Money: A Scholastic Study of God's Principles - Larry Burkett

*Biblical Perspectives on Money: A Scholastic Study of God's Principles* is designed to teach principles of handling money in case-study format and to give students opportunities to do practical work on creating and maintaining personal budgets.

Additionally, it contains a wealth of extra resources. These include a debt pay-down scenario, website resources, book and software resources, ideas for buying a house without destroying the budget for 30 years, and also blank forms for personal use.

1-15. Faith and Money-A Practical Theology - Crown Financial

Most current college students possess a minimum of four credit cards and hold a balance on those cards of over \$3,000. Additionally, most graduating college students will enter the work force carrying an average debt baggage of nearly \$18,900 in student loans.

The need for next generation of students to have academically appropriate and student-friendly materials that focus on the connection between faith and money is clear. Faith and Money – A Practical Theology textbook/curriculum fills that gap through theologically sound, integrative, and balanced teaching.

**FOR CHILDREN** (Ages 3-10)

*Teens and Adults, you can't read these and count them as one of your four books. Sorry!*

1-1(C). The Super Red Racer – Dave Ramsey

This story teaches children the value of working hard to earn money instead of just expecting people to hand it to them.

1-2(C). Battle of the Chores – Dave Ramsey

This story teaches children the value of working for money and the disadvantages of borrowing money. It will introduce them that the borrower is servant to the lender.

1-3(C). Careless at the Carnival – Dave Ramsey

In this story, children will learn the benefits of planning their spending and sticking to the plan no matter what!

1-4(C). The Big Birthday Surprise – Dave Ramsey

This book teaches children about the many ways to give to others, not only with their money but also with their time.

1-5 (C). My Fantastic Fieldtrip – Dave Ramsey

This book teaches children the benefits of planning ahead for big expenses and unexpected emergencies.

1-6(C). A Special Thank You – Dave Ramsey

This story teaches children the value of doing what is right, even though they may be tempted to do otherwise.

1-7(C). All About Money – Larry Burkett

*All About Money* uses the wisdom of Scripture and money management experts to provide elementary-aged children with a comprehensive view of how to become responsible and effective users of money.

1-8(C). All About Talent – Larry Burkett

*All About Talent* uses the wisdom of Scripture and the discoveries of psychology to help elementary-aged children understand themselves and how God intends for them to flourish.