



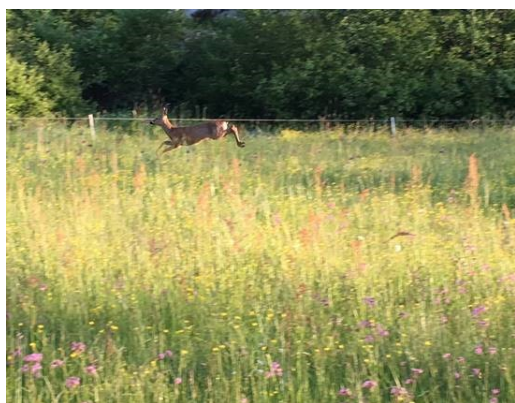
# TED STEWARDSHIP NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN 2017

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### Creation Sabbath

28th October



*“This is my Father’s world:  
He shines in all that’s fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.”*

This was the moment for me, mid-June, early evening, in the Beskydy mountain Nature Reserve, Czech Republic. Keeping very still in the grass, my iPhone camera captured the ‘He speaks to me everywhere’ moment.

Why not have a special worship time this autumn to celebrate the greatness and majesty of God’s creative power? October 28<sup>th</sup> has been designated Creation Sabbath for Adventist churches worldwide to focus on this theme.

Further details can be found at: [Read more](#)  
Resources for Creation Sabbath at: [Read more](#)  
Glad vocal band, This is My Father’s World: [Listen](#)

### Week of Prayer

4th November

#### “By Grace Alone”

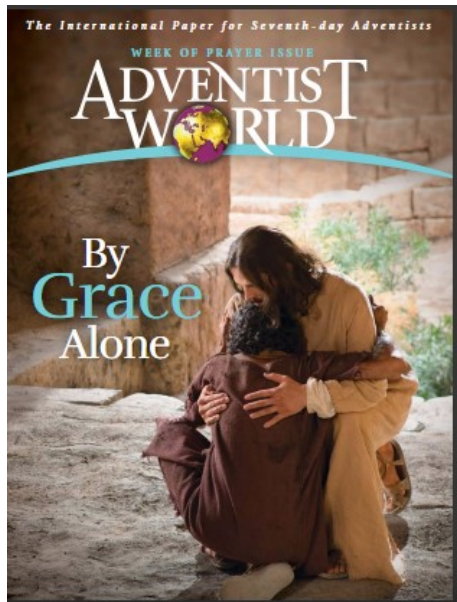
“Is Salvation Really Free?” If a specific community of faith makes claim to be spiritual heirs of the Reformation, then it’s also appropriate to check its understanding of the Gospel of Christ, in both faith and practice. It is fitting that the Week of Prayer readings (November 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>) give a timely reminder that ‘first to last, all is of Grace’ because of Jesus.



The number 1 aim of TED Stewardship Ministries is to: Revive and awaken the biblical principles of Christian Stewardship, grace centred and gratitude focused.

**Its worth making a big deal of this year’s Week of Prayer.**

# Week of Prayer Continued



## About this special issue

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, when the message of salvation through Christ alone was heard by many for the first time.

Light spread not only through the teachings of the great Reformers, but through God's Word itself as the Bible became available in common languages and people could read the truth for themselves.

[Read more](#)

# World Stewardship Sabbath 2nd December

2nd December is traditionally the Sabbath for the world church to focus on stewardship themes.

Resources for Stewardship Sabbath can be viewed at:



[Read more](#)

When Stewardship Sabbath is held, in the local church, is up to the local church to decide. The best time is when it will be most effective.

What if Stewardship Sabbath synced when local church officer elections are complete? Imagine for a moment, that we are able to break the all too familiar dysfunction of the local church nominating committee. We struggle to get members to serve. Brother Jones feels angst because he's not re-elected as Elder. Sister Smith grudgingly accepts a role for which she has little interest or gift. For the pastor (who usually serves as chair), it's the worst time of year! What if the appeal for commitment of time, talents and tithe were made all at the same time following this suggested process:

- Three months before the Nominating Committee meets, the pastor leads the congregation to discover their spiritual gifts.
- When the Nominating Committee meets, it is informed of the each member's Identified gifts, along with their willingness to serve.
- The Nominating Committee then intelligently selects, in combination with the Spirit's leading, leaders to build up the church.
- Once the report is voted by the church, a Stewardship Sabbath serves to gain triple commitment of Tithe, Time and Talents. Commitment Sabbath could involve preparing a response card, inviting members to covenant in all three areas.



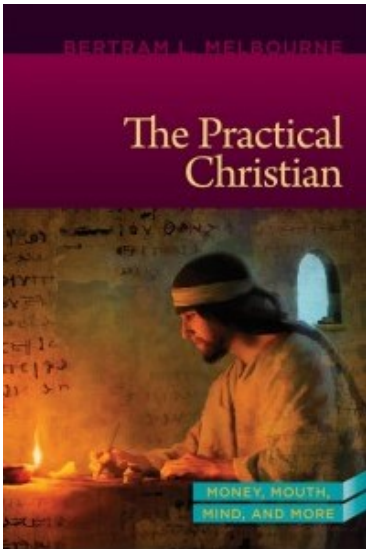
## What are your Gifts?

God has given divinely empowered abilities to glorify Himself by building up His church. "Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church" (1 Corinthians 14:7-12).

[Read more](#)



## Free Book Offer - The Practical Christian



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## Coming soon to your Church Q1 2018 Sabbath School Bible Studies on Stewardship

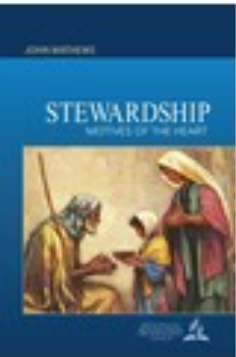
Stewardship: Motives of the Heart  
 Author: John H H Matthews

### Lesson Themes:

5th January The Influence of Materialism  
 12th January I See, I Want, I Take  
 19th January God or Mammon?  
 26th January Escape from the World’s Ways

2nd February Stewards After Eden  
 9th February The Marks of a Steward  
 16th February Honesty with God  
 23rd February The Impact of Tithing

2nd March Offerings of Gratitude  
 9th March The Role of Stewardship  
 16th March Debt: A Daily Decision  
 23rd March The Habits of a Steward  
 30th March The Results of Stewardship



[Read the first Chapter here of John Mathews accompanying Book](#)

## AND FINALLY .....

There once was a frugal Adventist who walked into his house one day panting and almost completely exhausted. “What happened, darling?” enquired his wife.

“It’s a great new idea I have to be a better steward of our resources,” he gasped. “I ran all the way home from the stewardship committee meeting behind the bus and saved £1.50. “That wasn’t very bright,” replied his flustered wife. “Why didn’t you run behind a taxi and save £10?”



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Cheers and best wishes,

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*Faithful stewardship – more than a merely optional Christian grace.*



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