

Dear Friend

A very happy new year to you and the members you serve.

Welcome to the first of 13 TED 'Motives of the Heart' bulletins, to be published every Friday from January – March. During this unique stewardship series of Bible studies, I'm hoping to support your ministry, by linking you to the best resources possible. For the next 90 days, not only do we have a free pass, to grow our members in stewardship principles (it will cost us nothing), but at the same time, help create a living vibrant Sabbath School. If we manage to do both, how radically different our church will be – for the better!

Please find three excellent resources to help us dive straight into the series:



- John Matthews, author of 'Motives of the Heart' provides a 3-minute video introduction for each study. This week, 'The Influence of Materialism'. Don't miss his observation: *"Television is the evangelistic arm of materialism"*. How's that for a great discussion starter?

- [5 Q's for Life Change](#): Easy to use, they encourage study groups to open and discover scripture, and then apply. Here's how they work:
  - Read the key text together (taken from the adult Sabbath School Lesson study).
  - Use question 1, as the icebreaker, and introduction to the discussion.
  - Use questions 2, 3, and 4, to dig as deep into scripture as your group wishes to go.
  - Question 5 is for reflection/application.
  - Surround the study with prayer.
- [Lesson Notes](#): Created for those who want to dig deeper into the Word. Authored by Shevanthi Bastiam Pillai (Irish Mission), and published weekly, they continue to be an anchor Sabbath School resource for many Irish Mission members. Class teacher or group leader? Don't miss these studies for providing both breadth and depth.

More resources for this series of lessons can be found at:

- [Adventist Stewardship Ministries](#)
- [TED Stewardship Ministries](#)

Here's hoping you and your team will be Spirit inspired to make the most of these bible studies. I pray that you will use them for all they are worth, helping each of us to put God first in our lives.

With best wishes,

David Neal | Stewardship Director

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