



12 February 2023

"NOT FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY" (FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP)

"Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce..." (Prov 3:9)

Financial stewardship is a regular activity for Christians, whether we realise it or not. Thinking rightly about financial stewardship is therefore of paramount importance, if we are to please God with what has been entrusted to us.

There's a Christian chorus that goes "I guess it all comes down to where your heart is, it's there your thoughts and feelings all begin". How do we relate to our finances? Are they "my precious", as Smeagol in Lord of the Rings would say? Do we think "Mine, it's all mine"? Or, do we see ourselves as trustees, to use our finances for God and in a way that would please him?

Let me first cover what I think is not in keeping with financial stewardship. First, we should avoid excessive or extravagant consumption, especially if it's to keep up with the Joneses (Exo 20:17). While the Bible doesn't specify what is considered excessive or extravagant consumption (e.g. what car or dress to buy or not buy), I find that as we mature in our Christian walk, we will grow in our desire for discernment. Secondly, let's avoid taking on debt (e.g. raking up huge credit card bills) to finance unrealistic lifestyles (Prov 22:7). Third, we should not be lazy and simply expect money to drop from the sky (Prov 10:4). God has ordained that we work for our livelihoods (Gen 2:15, Gen 3:19, 2 Thess 3:10). Fourth we should resist the desire to get richer and richer (1 Tim 6:9-10, Matt 6:19-24, Luke 12:15). This might render us susceptible to scams, or get caught up with instant millionaire fads.

Let me now cover what I think the Bible encourages us to do, in order to be good financial stewards. First, we must trust God not just for heavenly crowns in the next life,

but also for our daily bread in this life (Matt 6:33, Phil 4:19, Heb 13:5). Second, we could look out for those who are in need and try to help them (Eph 4:28, Acts 20:35, 1 Jn 3:7)). Third, we could support the needs of God's Kingdom and the servants of God (Rom 12:13). The Bible encourages us to give generously and sacrificially to God, and cheerfully at that (Deut 8:18, 2 Cor 9:6-7). Fourth, we could make wise and thoughtful investments, multiplying what God has entrusted to us (parable of the talents), so that we can better support our families, those in need and Kingdom work. There is an important distinction between investment and consumption.

To conclude, Christian financial stewardship is not about a list of dos and don'ts. The Bible explains that the Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Matt 13:44). When we discover the Kingdom of heaven, we will start to see everything else (material possessions, achievements etc.) fade in importance, and in joy, gladly trade what we have to "win Christ" (Phil 3:7-8). Including what financial resources we have will be seen in this light as well.

I hope and trust all of us at Gospel Light will be better stewards of the finances God entrusts to us, as the years go by. Press on!

In His service,

Elder Frederick Chew
Chairman (Church Committee)



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

• CHIT CHAT! (NEWCOMERS EVENT)

Are you new to Gospel Light? Did you discover us through a friend, our online services or social media? We'd love for you to get to know us better! Chit Chat is an informal social session onsite where you get to mingle with our Pastor, Elders and leaders. Ever wondered what kind of church we are and where are our roots? What does our mission and vision statement mean? Save the date and we look forward to a great time of chit chat!

Date: Sun, 19 Mar 2023

Time: 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Venue: L4 Shine auditorium followed by lunch at L3 foyer

To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3Sa2viF>

*Registration closes Sun, 12 Mar

If you want to find out more, please write to sue.choo@gospellight.sg.

• SERVING IN THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

We are looking for godly, faithful and qualified candidates with the following professional experience to serve in the Church Committee:

- Finance (Accountancy / Treasury)
- Governance (Risk Management / Audit / Compliance)
- Human Resources (HR Operations / Talent Management / Learning & Development)

For more details on the requirements to serve, please click <https://bit.ly/3nLtlA2>.

Gospeliters may submit recommended names to shine@gospellight.sg by 19 Feb 2023 and state the position that the individual is recommended for.

• CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English is starting soon. We welcome your folks, helpers, neighbours or friends if they are keen to learn basic Conversational English to join us.

Date: 3 Mar to 12 May, Fridays (10 sessions) *no session on Good Fri, 7 Apr

Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Venue: Attic Level, Hall 3

Please contact Sue @ 97761377 to register and for more details. Registration closes on 26 Feb 2023.

• YOUNG MUMS PRAY AND SHARE

Are you a young mum of a newborn or primary school children? Mothering is a high calling and not an easy one. We understand and hope to support you in your parenting journey. Join us twice a month on Zoom to connect, be encouraged and equipped to be the mum that God wants you to be!

Date: Thu, 16 Feb | Time: 9pm - 10pm

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/39TmGNQ>

Meeting ID: 865 7673 8143

Password: mums



CLASSES & TRAININGS

• BULLETPROOF MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Who should attend? Pre-Marriage prep and married couples who desire to strengthen their marriage. We would like to emphasize that it is a 4-session commitment plus, a 3-6 months of journey with a marriage mentor couple assigned to each couple. Registration is limited to 12 couples.

Dates: Thursdays starting 2,9,16,23 Mar via Zoom

Time: 8:45pm – 10:30pm

Duration: 4 sessions

Click to register: <http://bit.ly/39bBsPt>

Registration deadline: Mon, 13 Feb

For more enquiries, contact Sis May Lim at kayhong.lim@gospellight.sg or 9859 4684.

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 14 February 2023, we will have an in-depth study of Romans 14:13-23 and learn that the believer should not offend the weak brother. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows.

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, 14 Feb 2023

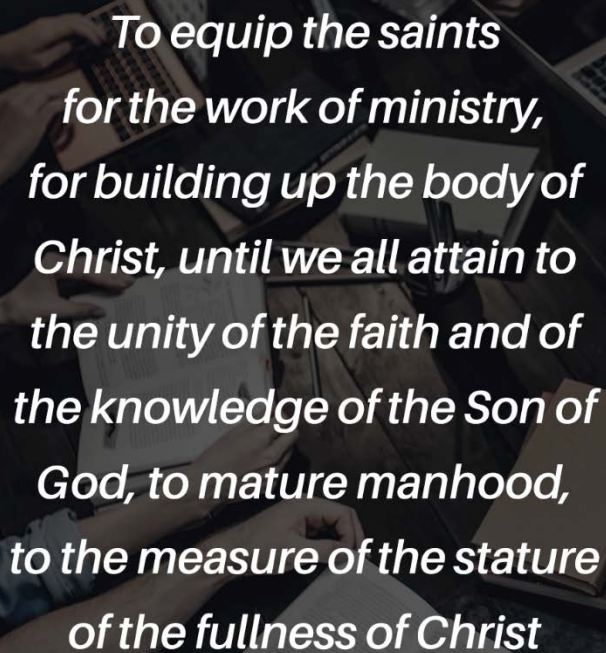
Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://bit.ly/3YIWvQt>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761



*To equip the saints
for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of
Christ, until we all attain to
the unity of the faith and of
the knowledge of the Son of
God, to mature manhood,
to the measure of the stature
of the fullness of Christ*

Ephesians 4:12-13



WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A) Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	800 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA (only available at 9am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	240 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	240 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm	140 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	20 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

(B) Children Service

All children's services are at **9am and 11am**:

(i) Primary Levels (7 - 12 years) at Level 3.

(ii) Preschool* (3-6 yrs) at Attic.

(ii) Playgroup (12 mths till 3yrs) at Hall 3 @ Attic.

*Preschool are for children age 36 mths to 6 yrs.



You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State Missions - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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