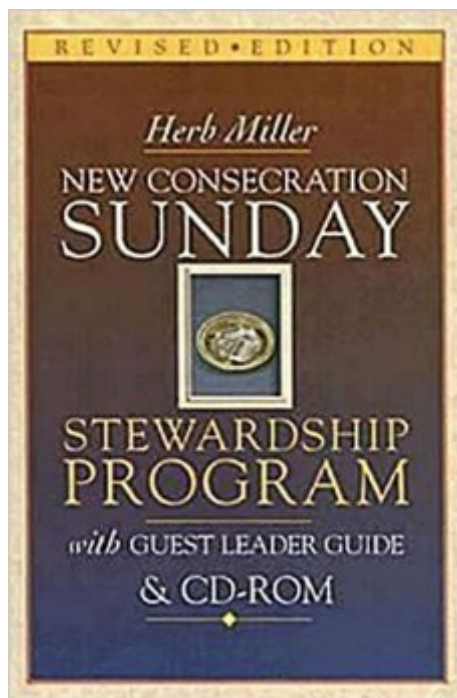


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# New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program With Guest Leader Guide & CD-ROM: Revised Edition



## Synopsis

New Consecration Sunday approaches financing the ministries of your congregation by teaching stewardship from a spiritual perspective rather than a fundraising perspective. It focuses on the question, "What is God calling me to do?" rather than, "What does the church need in order to pay its bills?"

The New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program is a proven winner; it has helped thousands of congregations increase financial giving by 15% to 30%. The revised edition features a CD-ROM that includes the audio overview of the program as well as a PowerPoint presentation and editable letters and communication tools. How-to instructions are based on the author's conversations with thousands of clergy, stewardship team leaders, and guest leaders.

What do I need to get started? Order the program book (ISBN 978-0-687-64437-7) and gather a team. Purchase copies of the Team Member Manual (ISBN 978-0-687-64447-6), one for each member of your team. These resources provide complete instructions for implementing the program successfully.

Order additional Estimate of Giving Cards (ISBN 978-0-687-06406-9) Pkg. of 100

Does it work? Thousands of congregations have experienced 15% to 30% increases in financial giving with the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program the first year plus additional significant increases in subsequent years of its use. One congregation obtained these impressive multi-year results: First year, a 14.4% increase in giving; second year, 10.3% increase; third year, 13.4% increase; fourth year, 13.6%; and fifth year, 19.6% increase. A congregation's financial secretary said, "More than two-thirds of our households made some degree of annual increase each year we used Consecration Sunday. And each year we used the program, four to six additional households decided to tithe (some of those donors grew from giving 4 percent of their income to giving 10 percent of their income)." The independent research firm, Perdue Research Group, interviewed people in one hundred and fifty congregations that used Consecration Sunday during the past several years. All churches reported an increase in giving and 45% of the churches reported increases of 20 to 25%. Herb Miller is an internationally recognized authority in congregational health and effectiveness. More than two million clergy and lay leaders in twenty-five denominations read *The Parish Paper*, which he co-edits with Lyle E. Schaller. His sixteen books include *Fishing on the Asphalt*, *Church Personality Matters!*, *The Vital Congregation*, *Connecting with God*, and *Full Disclosure: Everything the Bible Says about Financial Giving*.

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I have guest-led about 30 congregations with "New Consecration Sunday," with truly amazing results. Pre-recession average: 16.8% increase. Recession years' average: 12.1%. First time commitments: 8% of pledgers, with an average \$972 annual commitment! I strongly believe the Holy Spirit is using NCS to lead people to deeper discipleship decisions. The \$- and %-signs certainly get our attention, but they're only symbols of people's hearts taking huge leaps of faith. Why? Because NCS emphasizes this truth: God is not needy, and His church isn't either. But we, God's people, have an innate need to be more like God...giving, sharing, passing blessings through to others. Just as we parents teach our children to share their toys and give gifts (including to us!), God has clearly taught us to share and give. We teach our children for the same reason God teaches us: we know that if they don't learn that lesson and practice it throughout life, they'll be miserable. There's a reason the word "miserable" begins with the word "miser." God bless you, Herb Miller, for this astounding program. May it continue its service to God and His churches ever more broadly!

provides a good guide to a stewardship program to get all the parts coordinated in a timely fashion. May need to adjust invitation schedule to fit the size of the Governing Board dinner and obtain RSVPs

Very successful stewardship drive using this very explicit and detailed method. It's best to read whole book first and then begin to implement step by step. I wasn't that thrilled w some of the instructions, but it really works!

The New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program is a great program. It is well defined, well described and easy to implement. It is very important to follow the instructions and let God work.

This is the best biblical based Stewardship program for a church I have ever found. I have used it with a lot of success for 5-6 campaigns. I tell everyone about it. Use it once and you will see. The key is to follow the directions exactly as they are spelled out.

I have used this stewardship program several times over the years and have found it to be, with a little tweaking for my specific congregation, the best program around.

Finally, a stewardship program that works. We have used New Consecration for eight years. Church finances are now a joy to discuss, ministries are fully funded, and members are experiencing freedom from financial bondage as they respond faithfully to the faithfulness of the Lord.

Everything that is needed to assist the guest leader is at his/her fingertips: sample letters, sermon topics, scripture readings, ideas for catering meals, & much, much more!

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