



Excel in the Grace of Giving

Excel is designed especially for congregations that

- Had little to no biblical stewardship emphasis in a previous capital campaign and are now experiencing financial challenges.
- Are facing operating debt and seek to intensify sound stewardship education and practice.
- Are experiencing rapid growth of membership and ministry programs and require significantly increased offerings to maintain that growth.

Excel is based on biblical realities

- Christian giving is a thankful response to God's grace. Therefore God's Word and the Holy Spirit are essential.
- God's grace is the action that empowers giving; our giving is the response to God's grace. Biblical appreciation of giving as an act of grace is critical.
- Joyful and generous giving is an essential quality of Christian leaders.
- God wants all Christians to excel in the grace of giving.

The practical realities of today's churches

- Today few Christians understand giving as a response to God's grace. Increasingly congregation members view giving as paying bills for services received.
- Today over 90% of congregation offerings are given by 1/3 of the congregation's members. Impacting that 1/3 with biblical teaching and loving leadership will change the giving culture of a congregation.
- Limited financial and human resources of congregations and the span of spiritual maturity to immaturity of members require a development of stewardship education strategies. There ought to be a balance of stewardship ministry between all members and those members spiritually and financially capable of supporting the Lord's work.



Expectations for Excel in the Grace of Giving

Through the *Excel in the Grace of Giving*, Cornerstone will

- Help you clarify ministry needs and solutions to meet those needs.
- Assist in casting a vision for ministry.
- Provide Bible studies and workshops that touch hearts for giving toward ministry.
- Equip and train leaders to share the stewardship message throughout the congregation.
- Provide year long training in stewardship.

Leaders can expect the following results.....

- Members who have a better understanding of your ministry and the funds needed for it.
- People led through a process that helps to clarify personal priorities based on biblical beliefs and values.
- By God's grace and blessing, a joyful and significant increase in gifts to the Lord.
Results of past blessings include a minimum increase of 10% of first-fruit giving.
Several congregations have seen increases of 15%, 20% and even 25% of previous year's giving. Optional over-and-above-gift can be implemented.
- Better equipped to move forward with your ministry plans!