



Navigating

Church
Ministry
Budgeting



Prayer

Navigating Church Ministry Budgeting begins with P for PRAYER. Helping Christians grow in stewardship involves spiritual growth. We are not “wrestling against flesh and blood” when we lead members to choose “God over mammon.” Establishing God’s kingdom through His church requires courage and commitment. Prayer is encouraged as the first and most important strategy throughout the church ministry budgeting process. Pray that God will be honored by our faithful stewardship, and trust that the church will be blessed through obedience under the lordship of Christ.

Anyone involved in helping to finance the Kingdom of God through a local church is to be commended. If you are a pastor, church staff member, deacon, stewardship/budget committee member, treasurer, financial secretary, or concerned church member, this resource will provide a stewardship strategy for ministry budgeting and stewardship development. Great joy and reward is promised to those who are faithful stewards. **Thank you for your concern and efforts in leading your members to become dedicated Christian stewards.**

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