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You've heard people in church talk about *giving*. But when was the last time in church was *earning or saving* talked about? *Is it unchristian to earn money? Is it wrong to save for ourselves and our families?*

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, gave a incredible sermon called "The Use of Money." In it, he said that the important thing isn't money itself but *how we use it*. Wesley's surprising advice still rings true today: **earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.**

For the next four weeks, 19 January 2020—16 February 2020, our church will experience an exciting new stewardship experience: **Earn. Save. Give: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money**, by James A. Harnish.

Giving for Wesley was a means of expressing generosity rooted in gratitude for God's generosity and a means of fulfilling the great commandment to love God and neighbor.

During our season of stewardship, as each of us develop an intentional lifestyle of giving, we'll strive for balance. With the heart of a good steward, we'll practice all three—*earning, saving, and giving*—as best we can.

Our sincerest appreciation to each of you for sharing your gifts, talents, and monies; committing yourselves to be good stewards to all that God has entrusted to you; - an outwards sign of love and gratitude to God.

Christian Stewardship provides a spirituality that you take home from church, exercise at work or play and express through your committed involvement in church and community.

So please accept my warm and grateful thanks to you for your part in this wonderful, generous stewardship commitment. Your prompt response to **Earn. Save. Give**, your support, concern and practical action are a real encouragement to me and will encourage others in our church as they make their own stewardship commitment response.

**Commitment Sunday is Feb. 16 with one worship service at 9:30am A meal will follow.**

Thanks again for your kindness,

Pastor Clarissa

& 5th Ave. Leadership

