



# STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR & GUIDE 2026

A Year-Round Guide to Growing  
Generosity in Your Church



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# INTRODUCTION

At INJOY Stewardship Solutions, we believe generosity is a discipleship issue, not just a financial one. The 2026 Stewardship Calendar is designed to help you create a consistent, comprehensive, and culture-shaping stewardship strategy in your church. Rather than isolated sermons or one-time events, this guide provides a year-round rhythm for discipling your people in biblical financial principles and unleashing generosity for kingdom impact.

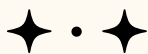
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## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide provides quarterly focus areas with practical initiatives and strategic resources to lead your church confidently throughout the year. Whether you're launching a new stewardship emphasis or refining an existing one, this calendar gives you the blueprint to follow. Use it with your executive team, staff, or financial leaders to assign tasks, measure progress, and keep generosity front and center.



# The Rhythm of Stewardship



SEASON	FOCUS	INTENT
Prepare	Vision & Teaching	Aligning hearts to God’s design for money
Plant	Action & Accountability	Equipping with tools and community
Grow	Mid-Year Review	Building momentum and celebrating wins
Harvest	Generosity	Releasing gifts to fuel the mission
Rest	Reflection	Resetting for the next stewardship cycle



# Quarter 1: PREPARE

## Vision & Foundations (Jan–Mar)

### FOCUS:

Cast a clear stewardship vision and begin teaching biblical principles of financial discipleship.

### INITIATIVES:

#### 1. Budget Review & Alignment

Start the year by reviewing your church's annual budget. Ensure that it reflects the ministry's top priorities, vision, and mission. Consider sharing an overview of the financial plan with leaders and key stakeholders to foster transparency.

#### 2. Stewardship Sermons

Explore themes like contentment, debt freedom, generosity, and kingdom-minded living. Provide follow-up discussion guides for small groups, if desired.

#### 3. Small Group Study: "I Was Broke. Now I'm Not."

Launch a 6-week study that empowers individuals and families with tools to budget, pay off debt, save, and give from a biblical perspective. Promote this study across all ministries—including youth, young adults, and families.

#### 4. Financial Education Workshop

Host a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon event featuring a Christian financial coach or advisor. Offer practical sessions on budgeting, managing credit, and biblical principles of money.

#### 5. Vision Sunday

Plan a special Sunday to share the ministry and mission vision for the year. Celebrate stories of impact, thank faithful givers, and tie financial stewardship to the church's 2026 goals.

### KEY RESOURCES:

- [Stewardship Sermons](#)
- [Group Study Materials](#)
- [Financial Learning Experience](#)
- [Stewardship & Vision Sunday Planning Guide](#)

# Quarter 2: PLANT

## Action & Accountability (Apr–Jun)



### FOCUS:

- Teach biblical generosity through pulpit and platform
- Ensure giving systems are clear, accessible, and consistent
- Maintain transparency and engagement through regular communication

### INITIATIVES:

#### 1. Money Message Series

Preach a 3–4 week sermon series on topics such as generosity, giving as worship, the joy of open-handed living, and God’s promises for givers. Encourage response and personal reflection each week.

#### 2. Review Church Giving Systems

Audit your church’s digital and in-person giving platforms. Ask: Is it easy to give? Are recurring gifts encouraged? Are all platforms user-friendly and consistent? Make improvements where necessary and relaunch the system if needed.

#### 3. Quarterly Giving Statement (April)

Send personalized giving statements that show year-to-date contributions, include a message from the pastor, and highlight the impact of giving.

#### 4. Begin Capital Campaign Prep (if applicable)

If your church is planning a campaign in 2026 or 2027, now is the time to begin internal conversations. Use INJOY’s [Capital Campaign Calculator](#) to explore what’s possible.

### KEY RESOURCES:

- [Campaign Calculator](#)

# Quarter 3: GROW

## Mid-Year Momentum (Jul–Sep)

### FOCUS:

Celebrate progress, recalibrate your plan, and prepare for a strong finish.

### INITIATIVES:

#### 1. Stewardship Sunday (July)

Dedicate a Sunday to celebrating all God has done through your church's generosity. Share updated giving stats, testimonies of life-change, and preview what's ahead.

#### 2. Financial Coaching Sign-Ups

Open registration for those seeking one-on-one financial help. Match them with trained coaches and launch meetings in August.

#### 3. Financial Literacy Workshop

Offer a Saturday event covering investing, saving for retirement, financial planning for families, and biblical financial principles.

#### 4. Quarterly Giving Statement (July)

Continue the rhythm of transparency. Share progress toward churchwide goals, updates from missionaries or ministries supported, and thank givers personally.

#### 5. Begin Special Offering Planning

Choose a specific initiative (missions, benevolence, building expansion, etc.) and start planning the messaging, media, and promotion timeline.

### KEY RESOURCES:

- [Sunday Vision Planning Guide](#)
- [Giving Scripts & Templates](#)
- [Financial Learning Experience](#)
- [Fully Funded Life - Coaching](#)
- [Special Offering Checklist](#)

# Quarter 4: HARVEST

## Radical Generosity (Oct–Dec)



### FOCUS:

Inspire year-end giving and engage your people in bold generosity.

### INITIATIVES:

#### 1. Generosity Challenge (December)

Challenge the church to stretch in their generosity through a clear goal and compelling vision. Offer a visual tracker of progress and celebrate milestones.

#### 2. Year-End Sermon Series

Preach a 3–4 week series on generosity, the joy of giving, storing up treasures in heaven, and trusting God with our resources.

#### 3. Special Offering

Receive a designated year-end offering that goes toward a specific cause or project. Use INJOY's [Special Offering Checklist](#) to ensure nothing is missed.

#### 4. Quarterly Giving Statement (October)

Highlight how giving has made an impact in 2026, and preview where 2027 generosity will lead.

#### 5. Year-End Giving Campaign

Use email, social media, testimonies, and direct mail to build a strong year-end push. Offer multiple methods for giving, including online, mobile, and in-person.

### KEY RESOURCES:

- [Sermon Series](#)
- [Special Offering Checklist](#)
- [Year-End Checklist](#)



# REST

## Reflect & Reset (Jan 2027)

### FOCUS:

Celebrate, rest, and re-envision. Don't rush into the next cycle without reflection.

### INITIATIVES:

#### 1. Share Impact Stories

Celebrate how generosity changed lives.

#### 2. Final Giving Statements

Include a pastoral thank-you letter and giving summary.

#### 3. Leadership Retreat

Debrief your 2026 initiatives and prayerfully begin planning for 2027.

## About INJOY Stewardship Solutions

We've helped over 6,000 churches raise more than \$6 billion for kingdom vision through biblically sound capital campaigns, generosity coaching, and stewardship resources. We're here to walk with you every step of the way.

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