

Stewardship Forum

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Stewardship Tools for Leaders : Quotes & Illustrations

Title: The day they burnt the church offerings...

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Last Sunday the offerings were collected as usual at Christ Church. The ushers brought them down the aisle and gave the plates to the pastor who carried them to the altar and promptly set them on fire. The congregation watched until they were completely consumed.

1. What is wrong with this picture? What is right? What is the difference between “giving” and “an offering”?
2. The offerings in the Bible were often burnt on the altar of God. How then could an offering support the church?
3. If we truly give an offering, does it matter what the church does with it? How is an offering an act of worship?

Use the following Bible passages to guide your discussion:

Leviticus 9:24; Philippians 4:17-19; 1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:1