

Coleman, Evelyn and Minter Daniel           **The Riches of Oseola McCarty**, Whitman & Company, Morton Grove, IL, 1998. "Grade 2-5: Oseola McCarty, an 87-year-old African-American laundress who left school in sixth grade, stunned the nation when she donated much of her life's savings (over \$150,000) to the University of Southern Mississippi to endow scholarships. This inspiring account of her life unfolds in this clear, colorful narrative. Coleman details the backbreaking work that this woman and her female family members performed each day as they made their own lye soap, washed heavy loads by hand, and pressed them with a flat iron. Never marrying, living a frugal life, and always saving, McCarty wanted to use her money to help others get what she had missed—a good education. When her generosity became known, she was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal at the White House. The author tells this story with great respect, incorporating information gathered from interviews with McCarty and people in Hattiesburg who know her. The black-and-white block prints enclosed by clothespin borders convey a feeling of strength and dignity. A worthy addition."  
*Eunice Weech, M. L. King Elementary School, Urbana, IL*

Halverson, Delia           **Let The Children Give: Time, Talents, Love and Money** Discipleship Resources, Nashville, TN, 2007. *Let the Children Give* provides adults the resources to demonstrate and teach a stewardship lifestyle to kids. Stewardship is more than a church committee assigned to raise money for the budget. Christians are expected to act as responsible caretakers of everything we've been given by God. All have abilities to accomplish this work, and the apostle Paul reminds us that everyone, including children, must work together. Each of us holds an important role in Christ's mission. "With our abilities and talents, we can manage the earth," writes Halverson. "We can also manage our health, property, time and relationships. ...We do not grow spiritually without giving, not just monetary giving but giving of all of our gifts. We were made in the image of God and entrusted with the care of the earth and all that's in it, from the ozone to the starving child." Packed with creative, educational activities designed for multiple settings and for children of all ages, Halverson teaches the concept of being good stewards through: \* Arts and crafts \* Drama and storytelling \* Writing and research \* Games and puzzles \* Music, reading activities and more As one reviewer says, "Using the full spectrum of learning styles, Halverson connects the theological and the practical as her lesson plans guide even the youngest children to understand the positive impact of Christian stewardship." As a special bonus feature, Halverson created a mini-retreat design for parents and children together to learn about stewardship. She discusses congregational stewardship plans from a biblical and historical understanding and ways to include children in those plans. Children, their families and your whole congregation will be better equipped to accept the call and challenge to a more holistic stewardship through a study of this book. This is a great book for Christian education committees and stewardship committees!

Wehrheim, Carol           **Giving Together: A Stewardship Guide for Families** Westminster John Know Press, Louisville, KY, 2004. In her follow-up to *Getting It Together*, Carol Wehrheim presents a concise, accessible resource to help families better understand the importance of stewardship: in the family, in the congregation, in the community, and in the world. Reminding us that stewardship is about much more than money, Wehrheim clearly illustrates a more holistic understanding of the concept to include careful consideration of the choices we make that show the role Christian discipleship plays in our lives. She skillfully analyzes biblical passages and identifies spiritual practices intrinsic to stewardship as a way of helping families respond to their call to be stewards in today's world. Including both a participant's section and a leader's guide, *Giving Together* is ideal for group or family study.

## Young Adults and Up

Boers, Theo     **Three Simple Rules**, CBI Publishing, Grand Rapids, MI, 2008. For most people there never seems to be enough money to cover all their wants and needs. *Three Simple Rules* was written for the benefit of all who have gotten themselves into a financial mess or hope to avoid one in the future. The rules are simple and straightforward.

1. Spend less than you earn.
2. Save now! Buy later.
3. Know Debt.

Using a sample couple, Boers quickly defines the three rules and demonstrates how to assess one's own financial situation. Then he goes on to explain some useful tools to help you follow the *Three Simple Rules*.

McLyman, Ted     **Money Makes Me Crazy! A Prescription for Money Sanity**, Apex Behavioral Solutions Group, Augusta, GA, 2010. Apex Behavioral Solutions CEO, Ted McLyman, presents a compelling story about how behavior drives money decisions and that the common wisdom about personal finance is wrong. Building on over thirty-five years of experience as a leader, educator, financial advisor and business owner, McLyman offers a refreshing new approach to money management. *Money Makes Me Crazy! A Prescription for Money Sanity*, draws on his vast understanding of behavioral finance to explore why we continually make bad money choices. Using self-deprecating humor and stories, McLyman offers a light and entertaining account of how our human nature conspires against us when we make money choices.

This is a revolutionary consumer paperback book about how we feel and think about money and how our emotions impact our spending decisions. Money success is about behavior and not product selection. This versatile book targets the general public but is suited as a supplement to traditional personal finance books and courses. It also is a great give away for financial professionals.

The theme is simple and straightforward. Humans are not wired to work well with money. The behaviors that kept us alive in the forest can kill us at the mall. Key points include:

- Money decisions are always emotional.
- Everyone has a unique money temperament.
- Money strategies should match our money temperament.
- The old financial industry is all about products--features and benefits.
- The new financial industry is all about behavior--temperament and strategy.
- Know your money temperament and manage your behavior to create wealth.

## Web resources:

The Ecumenical Stewardship Center: Giving magazine, Volume 17, "Live Free"

[www.stewardshipresources.org](http://www.stewardshipresources.org)

Rich the "Money Wise Pastor"

<http://www.moneywisepastor.com/925/teaching-kids-how-to-tithe/>

YouTube videos on "Children and Money" ample available, but review first!