**The Power of a Special Offering**

**The Christmas Offering**

**Bi-Vocational BTC Group**

**My First Special Offering – Thanksgiving November of 2001.**

**Timing of the Special Offering –** Do it around Christmas Time. Call it the Christmas Offering, but never a “One-Time” Offering.

**Download the Church Leader Insights Christmas Offering** - Look at the Check off list, all about the When and What to do and includes promotional letters and materials.

Special Envelope – Develop your own with campaign logo...

Special Gift – Related to the Christmas Offering. (Pen?)

Goal – Double or Triple your weekly offering.

**Eight Step Overview on How to Plan for a Christmas Offering:**

1. Does God want us to do an offering?
2. Consider the amount you want to raise.
3. Examine the Timeline that works for you.
4. Define the areas of ministry that the offering will support. (Missions, Building Improvements, Church Plants, Prison Ministry, Kid’s Zone, Benevolence.) Note: If you don’t raise the money, you can’t fund the project!
5. Work quickly to promote through multiple channels.
6. Consider the ongoing promotion – mailings, Sundays, Calls, testimonies, social media.
7. Report and celebrate as you go.
8. Say “THANK YOU”! IE. “We are able to celebrate Christmas in January because you gave to the Christmas Offering.

**Couple Key Insights:**

**Lead with Missions** – External (Global or Local) IE Local: Wayside Cross Ministry – Bible Based, Christ Centered Ministry to the homeless, addicted, and abused. Watch men and women transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. IE Global, Haiti or Spain

**The Hidden and Spoken Key to Biblical Stewardship:**

**The Giving of the Pastor** – The pastor sets the tone of generosity in the church.

Celebrate living under the Blessing of the Tithe, share with other people.

1. Decide to become a theological expert on Biblical Stewardship
2. Decide to get your family finances under control. Get your family in order. (Know what’s going on with your family finances.
3. Decide to get out of debt.
4. Decide to hold myself and my staff accountable to bring the Whole Tithe to God
5. Decide to make continual annual progress toward becoming an extravagant giver.

Couple of Book Suggestions:

Randy Alcorn – The Treasure Principle

Searcy – The Generosity Ladder

Searcy – The Generosity Secret (good for lay people)

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