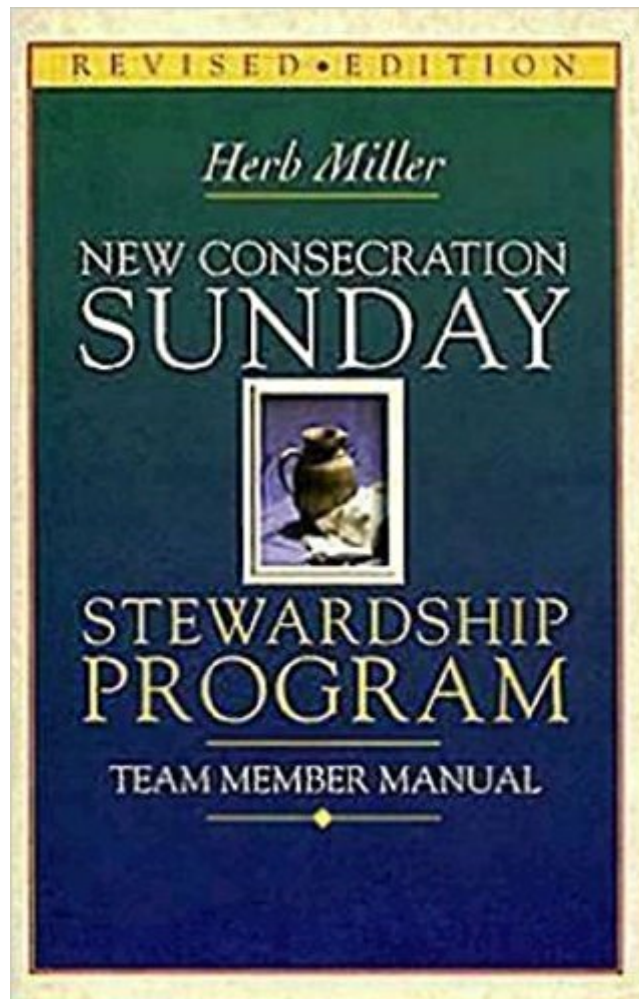


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# New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program Team Member Manual: Revised Edition



## Synopsis

The New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program approaches financing the ministries of your congregation by teaching stewardship from a spiritual perspective rather than a fundraising perspective. It focuses on the question, "What is God calling me to do?" rather than, "What does the church need in order to pay its bills?" Thousands of congregations have experienced 15% to 30% increases in giving with this program in the first year, plus additional increases in subsequent years of use. You will need one copy each of the Stewardship Program with Guest Leader Guide & CD-ROM (9780687644377) for your pastor, stewardship team leader, and guest leader. Purchase this Stewardship Program Team Member Manual for all the remaining members of your stewardship team. Don't forget the Estimate of Giving Cards (9780687064069) for your congregation to use when making their commitment for the coming year.

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I have used Consecration Sunday in two congregations. The strengths are many. First, it is eminently scriptural, not legalistic (when understood and implemented in a proper spirit), and comprehensible. It is also manageable, in that you follow the time tested steps, neither adding to or subtracting from them. You are not left wondering whether you should have thought up something else to do. It is also additive, in that you can (and we should) repeat the process, year upon year. When fully implemented, congregation members are engaged but not overwhelmed and treated with respect in their decision making about stewardship.

I have guest-led about 30 congregations with "New Consecration Sunday," with truly amazing results. Pre-recession average: 16.8% increase. Recession years' average: 12.1%. First time commitments: 8% of pledgers, with an average \$972 annual commitment! I strongly believe the Holy Spirit is using NCS to lead people to deeper discipleship decisions. The \$- and %-signs certainly get our attention, but they're only symbols of people's hearts taking huge leaps of faith. Why? Because NCS emphasizes this truth: God is not needy, and His church isn't either. But we, God's people, have an innate need to be more like God...giving, sharing, passing blessings through to others. Just as we parents teach our children to share their toys and give gifts (including to us!), God has clearly taught us to share and give. We teach our children for the same reason God teaches us: we know that if they don't learn that lesson and practice it throughout life, they'll be miserable. There's a reason the word "miserable" begins with the word "miser." God bless you, Herb Miller, for this astounding program. May it continue its service to God and His churches ever more broadly.

Skim it, then read it, then re-read it. The program makes sense and works. Resist the urge to put your own imprint on it. You won't be sorry.

We just completed our stewardship drive using this program, and had the most successful drive in recent memory. One caveat: follow the program EXACTLY! The team member manuals are very complete, and contain a wealth of stewardship information.

Finally, a stewardship program that works. We have used New Consecration for eight years. Church finances are now a joy to discuss, ministries are fully funded, and members are experiencing freedom from financial bondage as they respond faithfully to the faithfulness of the Lord.

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