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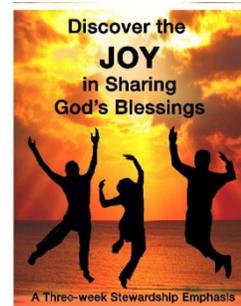
Dear Pastor,

Your District Stewardship Commission has recently had the opportunity to review two new programs from Ron Chewning. Ron is a member of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham, MI, and he serves on the Michigan District Stewardship Committee and as a trustee for the Lutheran High School Association of Detroit. For the past 20 years, he has authored many Christian resources which have been used by thousands of churches. His two new resources for 2019 offer grace-centered messages which will help your members grow spiritually and as faithful stewards. To encourage the use of these programs, the CID will defray part of the cost to order. Thus, CID churches will receive nearly a 60 percent discount.

The two new programs are “Discover the Joy in Sharing God’s Blessings” and “Life at its Best: Living Wisely in an Unwise World.”

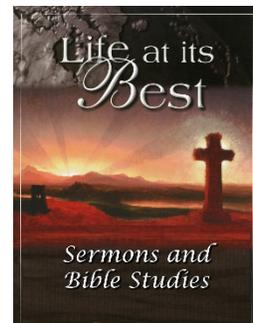
**Discover the Joy in Sharing God’s Blessings:**

By God’s grace, joy is part of our lives. Knowing who we are and Whose we are, we are empowered to live lives filled with joy. When we abide in Jesus and live in obedience to Him our joy is made complete. We are made eager to respond to God’s grace to us by using our time, talents, and money in ways that help others and extend His kingdom. When we use our blessings in joyful obedience to God’s will, we will experience even more joy. God will equip us to use our blessings in ways that give Him honor. God fills our hearts with love for Him and His Church, so we are energized to share our blessings.



**Life at its Best: Living Wisely in an Unwise World:**

Jesus said, “*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly*” (John 10:10). Through faith, we understand that Satan, the biggest thief, comes to steal our joy, kill our faith, and destroy our hope. Jesus comes so that we may live **life at its best**. We can live our lives joyfully only when God gives us the wisdom to understand that He is the One Who gives us “*hope and a future*” (Jeremiah 29:11). We live **life at its best** when we draw upon God’s strength in His Word and in Sacraments. We realize our sinful state, but, despite our unworthiness, God has redeemed us through the blood Jesus shed on the cross (John 3:16). Focusing on God helps us achieve a quality life.



Both of these programs come in a three-ring binder along with a CD. “Discover the Joy in Sharing God’s Blessings” is a three-week program and “Life at its Best: Living Wisely in an Unwise World” is ten-week program than can be shortened to fewer weeks.

The discounted price for both programs is only \$80.00 plus shipping. In order to get this reduced price, the CID will be paying \$10.00 toward each purchase. To order call Stewardship Advisors at 248-644-6150 or send an email to [stewardshipadv@aol.com](mailto:stewardshipadv@aol.com). You will need to identify that you are a CID church. No prepayment is expected.

Serving Christ together,

Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb  
for CID Stewardship Commission

## Two Scripturally-based Programs at a Special Price for Central Illinois District Churches

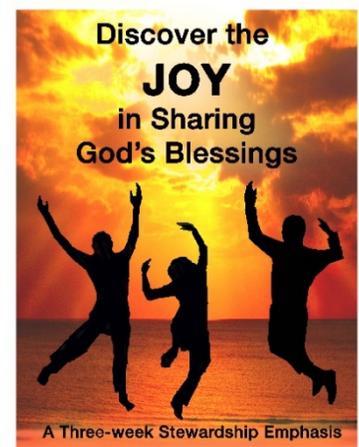
### *“Discover the Joy in Sharing God’s Blessings”*

A three-week stewardship program

The weekly themes are:

- Week one: “Jesus Is our Joy and Strength”
- Week two: “Discover the Joy in Serving”
- Week three: “Discover the Joy in Giving”

This program comes in a three-ring binder along with a CD. It contains bulletin messages, newsletter articles, letters, flyers, trifold brochures, worship helps, lay reader talks, commitment form, children messages, sermons, Bible studies with answer guides.



### *“Life at its Best: Living Wisely in an Unwise World”*

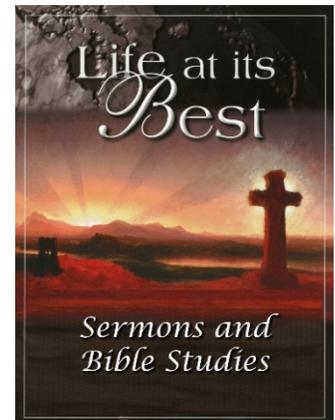
A ten-week sermon and Bible study series

The ten weekly themes are:

- Week one: “Fellowship with God”
- Week two: “Wise Living”
- Week three: “Using Time Wisely”
- Week four: “A Life of Service”
- Week five: “Controlling our Money”
- Week six: “Shaping Lives through Obedience”
- Week seven: “Seeking Contentment”
- Week eight: “Faithful Giving”
- Week nine: “Resisting Temptations”
- Week ten: “Letting God’s Light Shine”

(Churches can use all ten themes or reduce the length by one or more weeks.)

This series comes in a three-ring binder along with a CD. It contains bulletin messages, newsletter articles, letters, flyers, trifold brochure, worship helps, lay reader talks, daily devotions, sermons, Bible studies with answer guides.



**Central Illinois District Churches can order both resources  
at a greatly reduced cost of only \$80.00 plus shipping.**

Please send “Discover the Joy...” and “Life at its Best...” at a cost of \$80.00 plus shipping:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ To order call Stewardship Advisors 248-644-6150

Or send to: 32842 Bassett Woods Ct.

(No prepayment necessary: churches will be invoiced) Beverly Hills, MI 48025