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# Glad Tithings

*"Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."* (1 Cor. 4:2)



Ken Smith, Director

**August 21**

**Life  
Management  
Seminar**

**8:30 am to 1 pm  
Christian  
Fellowship  
Church  
Ashburn, VA**

**September  
24**

**Golf Marathon**

**6:30 am to 1 pm  
Fairfax National  
Golf Club  
Centreville, VA**



*Ken Smith's Principles in Practice*

## Responsible Servanthood

Responsible servanthood is serving others as God wants us to serve them. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me....I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:34-40.

Does it make sense for a homeless person to help someone buy a house or rent an apartment? Or for a hungry person to help

someone find food? Or for a naked person to find clothing for another naked person? Of course not. To serve others responsibly, we must first be sure that our own basic needs are being met.

Basic human needs—critical elements essential for our survival—include adequate food, clothing, shelter, rest and exercise. For Christians, the most basic need is spending sufficient quality time with God to know how He wants us to live out our lives each day.

Most of you reading this article have adequate food, shelter and clothing. Far fewer are getting enough sleep, exercise or time with God. In fact, an excess of food, clothing and shelter can actually make it more difficult to

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## Fourth CSM Golf Marathon Set for September 24

It's not too late to join us for the fourth annual CSM Golf Marathon on September 24. Call the CSM office today at (703)-591-5000 if you'd like to play.

The goal is to play 50 holes in half a day on Friday, September 24, at the Fairfax National Golf Club in Centreville. Each golfer will be competing to raise at least \$1,000 with

a tournament target of \$45,000 to support the ministry.

Players will begin at 6:30 a.m. and will have until 1:00 p.m. to finish the 50 holes with two balls per hole. Perks include food, drinks and golf carts! Players will also be competing for great prizes.

## Life Management Seminar on Aug. 21

Get off on the right foot with CSM's half-day Life Management Seminar on August 21. Featuring Ken Smith and Rob Seagears as the instructors, this special seminar runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Christian Fellowship Church in Ashburn, Virginia.

Call CSM's office at (703) 591-5000 to take advantage of the advance registration fee of \$20

per person. Clergy and full-time Christian workers attend free; others pay \$25 at the door. If you've been operating in the pressure cooker and struggling to get your priorities in line with what you know God has called you to do, this is your chance to learn how to get enough sleep, avoid over-commitment, stop procrastinating and get your life in order.

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obtain adequate sleep, exercise and spiritual development.

Many of us were taught as children to subordinate and sacrifice our own needs to the needs of others. While it is true that the Bible commands us to serve others, until our own basic needs are met, we cannot adequately meet the needs of others. To be able to obey the Biblical mandate, we must first have our own priorities in order.

Just because we learn of someone else's need does not mean that God wants us to help with that need. That sounds heartless and insensitive. But there are far more needs in the world than we can ever meet. Our task is to understand how God wants us to meet our own needs and then determine the needs of those God wants us to help.

In practice, we often put the cart before the horse. We discover there is a problem and then rush to do whatever comes to mind to help minimize or alleviate the problem. But by jumping right in to solve problems, we may be guilty not only of poor stewardship of our own time and resources but of interfering with what God is trying to do in the lives of those we are trying to help.

The more responsible approach when we learn of a problem is to determine whether God wants us to help and, if so, how. To do that, we must spend sufficient quality time with God to understand not only what He wants us to do, but also when and how He wants us to do it. What to do is important, but when and how are equally critical. Stepping forward too soon can make us ineffective or even counterproductive.

There is no higher priority than getting the amount of sleep that our body needs to enable it to operate at peak efficiency. If we are sleep-deprived, we will find it very difficult to establish the discipline to develop a strong relationship with God. Even if we do spend time with Him, if we are not rested, it will be poorer quality time. We also need exercise to refresh, renew and energize our bodies.

Once our own needs have been met, we are prepared to begin to meet those of others, beginning with our spouses if we are married. Meeting our own needs first is difficult when our family members are there every day, sometimes all day, demanding our time and attention. And it can be very difficult to find sufficient time for sleep, exercise and quality quiet time.

Nevertheless, God's plan for our lives includes sufficient time for us to have our own needs met. Not our wants and our desires, but our basic needs. To know God's plan, we must spend quality time with Him asking for direction. If you want to make faster progress in this area, consider registering for the Life Management Study or the Internet Life Management Study at [www.csmin.org](http://www.csmin.org).

Our basic needs vary with time and season of life. A retiree, a single student, a working parent and a stay-at-home

parent all have different measures for their needs. The key is to determine the measure of basic needs for any given time and season of life and then to subordinate everything else to see that those needs are met. Only then can we be responsible servants to our other family members—and those beyond our own household.

Once we move beyond family, it actually gets easier. We must learn to say no to the things that are inconsistent with our higher priorities. No matter how much we want to help someone else, if helping interferes with meeting our own basic needs or meeting the needs of our family, we should wait until we've met those needs before we agree to help meet the needs of others. While God can certainly direct otherwise and may on occasion, we move ahead to help others at our peril if we do not have clear direction from Him to do so.

After having met our own needs and those of our family, there is nothing quite so fulfilling as being free to help meet the needs of others. If you truly desire to help others, share with God your desire to serve when you spend rested quality time with Him. Then let Him show you where and when to step forward.

## Ministry News

This season brings two important events—our August 21 Life Management Seminar at Christian Fellowship Church in Ashburn and our September 24 golf marathon. There's still time to sign up for both of these CSM events by calling the office immediately at (703) 591-5000. In addition, Ken Smith will be leading a staff retreat for Living Water International in Houston, Texas, on September 8-9.

*Glad Tithings* is going electronic. Beginning with this issue, you can obtain the newsletter by visiting <http://www.csmin.org/gladtithings.htm>. You may also access prior issues at this address. Please let us know on this month's response sheet that you prefer to read it on line.

Clint Smith is now chairing CSM's Executive Council, which meets monthly to plan the future direction of the ministry. The CSM program committee is also meeting monthly to oversee current and future program development. Program committee members include CSM's webmaster DJ Chuang, Chuck Wadey, Wayde York and David Young. The electronic newsletter is one of their projects along with keeping our website current and managing the CSM on-line bookstore and Internet LMS.

Registration deadline for fall Life Management Study classes in the Washington area is September 6. Call the office for information on a class near you. Internet LMS classes begin at any time—just register at [ilms@csmin.org](mailto:ilms@csmin.org). We have a dozen ILMS graduates with a number of students currently pursuing the class with instructors Alex Whitley and Lee Noack.

CSM's South American counterpart, Perfect Way, now has a website with the Spanish version of the ILMS at [www.perfectway\\_min.com](http://www.perfectway_min.com). Please encourage your Spanish-

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CSM is a ministry dedicated to assisting Christian individuals, families, ministries, and Christian-owned businesses in achieving their potential in the area of stewardship. CSM's Board of Reference includes: Ron Blue, president, Ron Blue and Company; Dr. Bill Bright, Campus Crusade for Christ (1921-2003); Larry Burkett, Crown Financial Ministries (1939-2003); Reid Carpenter, president, Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation; Howard Dayton, president, Crown Financial Ministries; Dr. Ted Engstrom, president emeritus, World Vision; Roger Erickson, president, Christian Business Men's Committee International (retired); the Rt. Rev. Alden M. Hathaway, Bishop of Pittsburgh (retired); Dr. Charles Hummell, faculty advisor, Intersarsity Christian Fellowship (retired); the Rt. Rev. David Colin Jones, Suffragan Bishop of Virginia; Dr. Beverly LaHaye, founder/chairman, Concerned Women for America; Hon. Ed Meese III; and the Rt. Rev. Dr. John Rodgers. The Pastor's Board of Reference includes Rev. James Ahlemann, Rev. Larry Andes, Rev. George Beaven, Rev. Steve Brimmer, Rev. Amos Dodge, Rev. Paul Frey, Rev. Tom Gulbranson, Rev. John Guernsey, Rev. James Hamacher, Rev. David Harper, Rev. Tom Herrick, Rev. John Hutchinson, Bishop Harry Jackson, Rev. Neil Lebahar, Rev. Martyn Minns, Rev. Bill Roberts, Rev. Dennis Rupert, Rev. Tom Tarrant and Rev. John Yates. Serving on CSM's Board of Directors responsible for day-to-day ministry operation are Frank Lewark, Jack Maier, Rob Seagears and Ken Smith.

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speaking friends to take a look at it. Many thanks to Gustavo Alayza and his team for all their hard work in bringing this vision to reality.

Copies of *It's About Time!* along with the small group study guides and leader's guides are available at [www.csmin.org](http://www.csmin.org) or from the CSM office.

CSM appreciates the ongoing effort of Ruth Kriz and Ralph Solberg in developing the sixth edition of the LMS.

## Prayer Corner

### **PRAISE GOD FOR...**

- ◆ Financial stability for CSM during the past year.
- ◆ CSM's faithful volunteers and paid staff members.
- ◆ Members of the CSM board of directors, board of reference, program committee, executive council and advisory council.

### **PRAYFOR...**

- ◆ A good turnout and good response from participants at the August 21 Life Management Seminar.
- ◆ Good weather and a successful Golf Marathon on September 24.
- ◆ The right person with executive secretarial skills to serve as Ministry Coordinator.
- ◆ Development of a training video for leaders.
- ◆ Continued expansion of the ministry in Peru and throughout South America.
- ◆ Formation of LMS and *It's About Time!* classes during August and early September.
- ◆ Completion of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Life Management Study.
- ◆ Continued financial stability for the ministry.

## Designate 8329 for CSM

This year's season for the National Capital Area United Way and the Combined Federal Campaign will begin soon. If you give at the office, please consider designating all or part of your gift to go to Christian Stewardship Ministries. Our number is 8329 for both charities. Take advantage of this opportunity to bless CSM through a single donation or ongoing payroll deductions. Your gift will enable the ministry to help those who need counseling on managing their money and their time based on Biblical principles.

## Special Thanks

A big thank you to Jim and Nancy Cope of Cornerstone Office Systems, Inc., for providing office supplies to CSM.

## Joyful Dividends

### **On *It's About Time!***

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a Christian [tribal chief] from Kenya who has come to know you through your wonderful book *It's About Time!*

...I was greatly moved to learn that you personally were an alcoholic before knowing and accepting Jesus as your personal Savior.

...[After many years of drinking, neglecting family and mismanaging finances] before reading your book, I had contemplated suicide. Life had become meaningless to me after learning I had become a laughingstock in my village—a man who has sold almost all family land, a man who cannot provide his family with basic needs, a man whose fences are broken, a man whose wife is constantly unhappy. The solution according to me was to get rid of my own life, rather than stand shame and humiliation, but luckily for me I read your book, and I was impressed to learn that you, too, were a drunkard, but you accepted Jesus and He assisted you to mend your ways.

To be frank, I've now reached a turning point. I have decided to accept Jesus as my personal Savior. I do acknowledge that I am a sinner and that I need to repent and beg for forgiveness. [I want to become] a born-again Christian, become a fulltime minister to save my own soul and a soul winner to very many others. Please advise me on how to go about it....

Yours in Christ,  
David Muriera  
Nairobi, Kenya

### **On Life Management Study**

Dear Ken,

I wanted to tell you how much I appreciated taking LMS this year.

I know I have become a more mature person in the Lord. My "success" in life has long eluded me. Fortunately it had, so I know any "success" comes from putting God first and his timing, not my "striving."

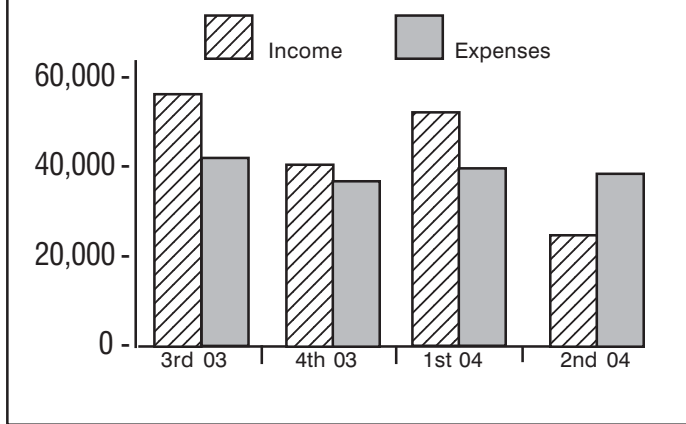
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Steve Gifford

## CSM On Line

Get tips on time and money management on line 24/7 at [www.csmin.org](http://www.csmin.org). CSM also welcomes your comments on the website, *It's About Time!* and the Life Management Study. You can also sign up for LMS or Internet Life Management Study classes or find information on other ministry activities and opportunities. In addition, the website includes past issues of *Glad Tithings* and information on Christian businesses that support the ministry.

## CSM FINANCES 2003-04



## Wanda Lewark: Seeking to Walk Obediently

Being a Christian is about “daily crucifying the flesh and trying to walk more obediently,” says Wanda Lewark. Although she says she’s “organized to a fault,” she learned through the Life Management Study how to live a more effective and peaceful life by making sure that commitments and activities are in line with God’s plan.

“Too often peoples’ lives spin out of control—both Christians as well as non-Christians—because they have not learned to prioritize,” Wanda says. LMS showed her what was really going on in her life as she compared her planned schedule with her actual daily activities. “Listing your commitments—just putting them on paper—can be an eye opener because it helps you to see how you really spend your time,” she says.

The class really made her examine how she wanted to invest the rest of our life. “Do you want to invest in things or the lives of others?” she says. As she sees it, LMS is a tool that helps bring people closer to God and encourages them to become accountable to others to increase the likelihood that they will follow through on the goals they set.

Wanda first learned of Christian Stewardship Ministries through Ken Smith’s radio program that aired on Christian radio stations in the Washington area for several years. Her husband Frank serves on the CSM Board of Directors, and she’s helped with the spring banquet and hosted the annual board dinner. She’s also taught *It’s About Time!* to a Sunday School class and hopes to facilitate an LMS class later this year at Christian Fellowship Church in Ashburn, Virginia, where she and Frank are members.

## CSM Values its Volunteers

Wonderful volunteers make CSM’s ministry possible. There is no way to thank them enough for all they do. We are deeply grateful for all who give time, talent and treasure to the ministry. Below is a list of those who have served the ministry over the past year. We hope we haven’t overlooked anyone, but if we did, please forgive us—and let us know so we can recognize you next time. We can always use more help. If your name is not on this list, let us know how you’d like to help, and we’ll find a way to put you to work and recognize you next year. Just call the CSM office at 703-591-5000 to volunteer.

Alex Aderton	Chip Fardwell	Pamela Martin	Dick Schwaab
Mike Agee	Gabrielle Fardwell	Roger McClure	Bruce Scott
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Derek Donnelly	Kathy Keitt	Sandy Quillin	Jim Wilkinson
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