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STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FOR YOUR CHURCH

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The world, at times, seems to be a place of voracious greed but also many people who become the cells of transformation and create beauty out of excess.

She challenges us to:

- Use the money that flows through our life to express truth.
- Move our resources toward our highest commitments and ideals.
- Be responsible users of our lives, our world, and to future generations.
- Let our money stand for who we are, our heart, our soul, our humanity.

While we may not be fat caterpillars, we all have abundant resources to change the world. Through local churches and through many ministries lives are transformed and beauty is created.

My hope and prayer is we do use our funds for what is important in our lives, to move our resources to that which expresses truth and our ideals. Exposing our heart and soul, through our gifts.

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