



Moving ministries forward, *together.*



## Stewardship Shorts:

*Holy Currencies*  
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## Overview

*(aka what I loved about the book):*

- Author's perspective
- Cycle of Blessings
- Real stories of sustainable missional ministries, both in the church and in secular settings
- Suggested exercises and activities to help people understand each currency and to inventory it/form a plan of how to develop it in their ministry context

## Deeper Dive

*(aka 5 points that really resonated with me):*

### **1. Fundamental assumptions:**

- God creates, recreates, and owns everything.
- God gives abundantly.
- We are not to keep God's resources; we are to circulate them.
- God's blessings are then recycled to create more blessings.

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### 2. Our choice:

- To hold on to the resources God has entrusted to us, and let them turn rotten
- To use resources to further divisive and destructive causes
- To let resources flow in life-giving, truth-telling, relationship-building, community-enhancing ways

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### 3. 6 currencies for the Cycle of Blessings:

- Time and place
- Gracious leadership
- Relationship
- Truth
- Wellness
- Money

Which of these are strengths at your church and which are areas of opportunity?

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### 4. “Martha Ministry” vs. “Mary Ministry:

- Task-oriented vs. relational
- “Doing” church instead of listening, connecting in meaningful ways
- Ex. Food pantry: instead of giving people food and sending them on, inviting them to sit and have a snack while talking with you, or even to prepare food/make a meal together

Is your community of faith more Martha or Mary? How can you better use the currency of relationship?

## Deeper Dive

### 5. Embracing the Cycle of Blessings:

- Personal evaluation: which currencies do you have and value? Which need development? How would you adjust your thinking and behavior to develop these currencies?
- Congregational evaluation: same questions as above. Look at external and internal movements.
- Community assessment: what are the signs of blessing flowing through your community? How can your church be a place where blessings are flowing in and out in service to the community?

## Now What?

*(aka there are only 24 hours in a day):*

- Re-envision an existing ministry: shift from task to relationship, add truth and wellness
- Incubate a new ministry: ask, “What is God calling us to do?” as you consider the Cycle of Blessings and how the six currencies flow within your ministry context
- Utilize the wonderful tables and appendices from the book (inventories for each currency)

## Now What? continued

- Let Laura know if you are interested in receiving a copy(ies) of *Holy Currencies*
- Schedule a time to meet with Laura to go more in-depth about the book and your congregation's stewardship to see how you can utilize aspects of the Cycle of Blessings and the six currencies in 2021
- Visit the stewardship resources page on MMFA's website



“Let us love,  
not in word or speech,  
but in truth and action.”

1 John 3:18



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