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STONE SOUP

A Stewardship and Giving Emphasis Program for Congregations

WEEK #4 - LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT REPORT

Timing: During the Temple Talk on the Sunday of Week #5.

Purpose: Report on the Leadership Commitments as a means for encouraging generous giving.

Suggested Speaker: This report should be delivered by the Finance & Data Coordinator.

Objectives and Suggestions: Cover the following during the talk:

1. This reporting is to reflect the combined commitment of all the leaders. No one individual is to be singled out for reporting. All individual estimates are to be kept confidential!
2. The formulas for calculating giving are as follows: estimate for coming 12 months – historical giving for the past 12 months = dollar increase. $\text{dollar increase} \div \text{historical giving} = \text{percent increase}$.
3. Add the estimates for all the leaders to determine the collective estimate figure for the coming 12 months. Add the 12 month historical data for all the leaders to determine the collective historical figure. Work the formula for calculating increases using the collective figures.
4. During the Temple Talk, report the results of the leadership estimates as follows:
“When our 21 leaders estimated their giving for the coming year, their estimates totaled \$45,099. When compared to the amount of \$38,220 that was given by the 21 leaders over the last 12 months, our leaders have committed to an increase in giving of \$6,879. This is an increase of about 18 percent over the coming year.”
5. Ask if anyone has any questions or in need of additional explanation.
6. Thank them for their attentiveness, and then take you seat.