

**A Sacred Sacrifice**  
**Shibboleth**  
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## **Opening**

-Judges 12:5-7

- Some historical context...
- Time of Judges...
- Ephraim east of the Jordan River...

-**Cheryl**

- Growing up in Varina...
- Vanessa asking me if I grew up knowing anyone...
- “Shirl”

-**When God listens to how I manage my money, am I mispronouncing “Christian stewardship?”**

## **Introduction**

-I’ve entitled this mini-series “A Sacred Sacrifice” because I believe that these two words are at the heart of Christian stewardship: **sacred and sacrifice**.

-(Just because you ARE a Christian and financially responsible, doesn’t mean you are practicing what I would call Christian Stewardship.

-Being financially responsible is only the beginning of Christian stewardship!

-Consider this:

**Am I giving sacrificially to the sacred work of building Jesus’ Church? Because if I am not giving sacrificially to the sacred work of building Jesus’ Church then I am mispronouncing Christian stewardship by the way I am managing my money.**

## **Sacred**

-Matthew 16 (reference).

-Jesus' Church is sacred because... (each slide individual)

- **Jesus' mission**
- **The Gospel is preached**
- **Discipleship happens**
- **Hope is found**
- **Freedom is grasped**
- **Legacy is a value** (Numbers 14)

-(2000 years ago...are you excited about church when you are gone!!!)

-(talk about story of this building...311 Selden Road is sacred and has been entrusted to us...will you help me build a legacy for the next generation?)

## **Sacrifice**

-2 Corinthians 8:1-5

**-We can't read the New Testament and NOT see that people gave sacrificially to and through the church they called home!**

-Our plan for our sacred sacrifice this year:

- 1. monthly tithe: 10%**
- 2. monthly missions: 2%**
- 3. annual missions pledge: one month tithe**
- 4. Legacy \$40K: \_\_\_\_\_**

-2024 Capital Improvements

- \$80k Sanctuary AC
- \$30k Sanctuary Projector
- \$10k Sanctuary Wheel Chair Access
- \$10k Chapel (RC and Workshop)
- **Total = \$130k**

(\$20k from Catalyst/Anchor, \$40k raise, \$70k spend)

## **Christian Stewardship**

**-How are you pronouncing "Christian stewardship" by the way you are managing your household finances?**

**-Am I giving sacrificially to the sacred work of Jesus' Church?**

**Close**

-Attach yourself to something that God is excited about and He will flow resources to it through you!