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## *Resources for: Creating a Culture of Generosity*

Our mission is to assist Greater Indianapolis Area congregations in finding and using excellent resources to address the practical challenges they face. This resource list was developed to supplement a workshop, *Creating a Culture of Generosity*, sponsored by the Center and led by Dr. William Enright, executive director of the Lake Family Institute on Faith and Giving at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. Enright recommends the following resources.

Gay, Craig M. *Cash Values: Money and the Erosion of Meaning in Today's Society*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2004.  
The author explores the benefits of capitalism and its unintended consequences to society. He recommends a Christian approach to the subject that is mid way between complete rejection of the free market and uncritical acceptance of it.

Haughey, John C. *Virtue and Affluence: The Challenge of Wealth*. Kansas City, MO: Sheed and Ward, 1997.  
In 1991, Jesuit priest and lecturer John Haughey was asked to conduct a series of weekend workshops for Christian people who had considerable wealth — mostly multimillionaires. He was challenged to help them reflect on their responsibilities or call with respect to their wealth. Members of the middle class find that they are bedeviled by many of the same questions that bother those addressed in this challenging and incisive book.

Schneider, John R. *The Good of Affluence: Seeking God in a Culture of Wealth*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2002.  
John Schneider reopens the debate over the proper Christian attitude toward money, arguing that Scripture does indeed provide support for the responsible possession of wealth. While he offers rich Christians biblical affirmation, he also challenges them to a life shaped by an uncommon sense of stewardship and compassion.

Scott, Anthony (ed.). *Good and Faithful Servant: Stewardship in the Orthodox Church*. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2004.  
This volume endeavors to develop an Orthodox Christian model of stewardship by drawing on scriptural, patristic, historic, dogmatic, and liturgical foundations. The contributing authors explore the links between wealth and poverty and remind the reader to measure stewardship in terms of self-giving, not merely contributions of wealth.

Wheeler, Sondra Ely. *Wealth as Peril and Obligation: The New Testament on Possessions*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1995.  
Wheeler provides a careful interpretation of key New Testament texts on wealth issues. The result is a practical, biblical statement on wealth and ownership that can help Christians and churches come to grip with the economic ethical issues of the day.