

“THE MONEY IN YOUR HAND”-CHPT.4
THE WORK OF THE CHURCH TRUSTEE

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The treasurer and the board of trustees (or finance committee) have the unenviable task of making dollars stretch in an era of rapidly increasing inflation.

A well-working, concerned board will seek ways to stretch those dollars because that is Good Christian Stewardship. The following are just some suggestions of how to do this:

- 1. Centralize all of your purchasing by having one person purchase for all areas of the Church.**
- 2. Utilize some central agency for purchasing, perhaps your state denomination headquarters will help you, i.e., for purchasing mimeograph (copy) paper.**
- 3. Use your tax free number at all times.**
- 4. Make special efforts to utilize persons in your Church who will volunteer services to do plumbing, carpentering, electrical work, etc.**
- 5. Have an annual examination of the insurance program and shop around for better prices.**
- 6. Check Minister's car mileage usage and adjust his or her allowance to the true cost.**
- 7. Seek out ways to save energy through the installation of devices (i.e., clock thermostats).**
- 8. Check out accounts. Are funds being deposited and invested so as to earn interest?**
- 9. Pay bills so as to receive discount for paying within 15-20 days.**
- 10. Seek guidance on saving on management and investments.**

Can you add some suggestions of how to stretch Church dollars without diminishing the Church's Ministry?