



## STEWARDSHIP

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Seventh-day Adventist Church  
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

# 2017 Year-End Meeting Report

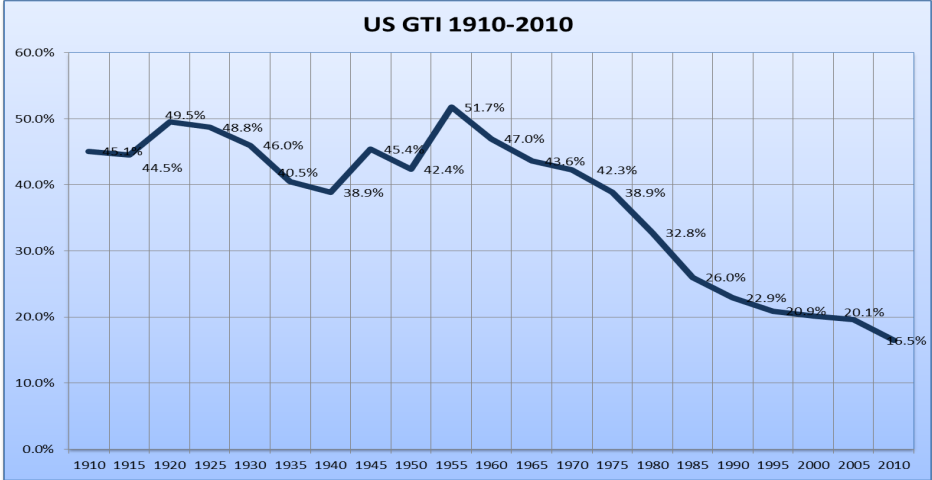
*John Mathews, Director*  
*Bonita Shields, Associate Director*

## MISSION

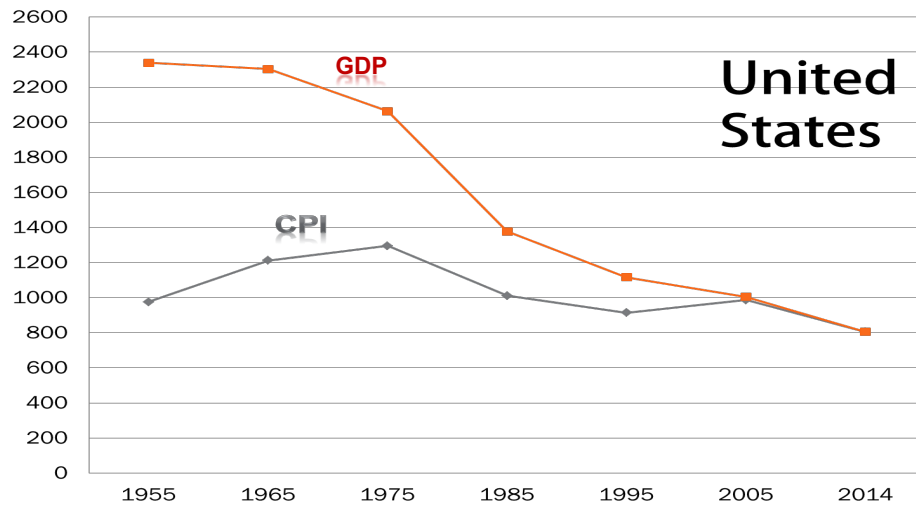
To equip leaders to inspire members to consistently fund the message of Hope and Wholeness in the North American Division.

# CHALLENGES

## 100-Year Trend



## Downward Trend



## The Bondage of Debt

- **Average Credit Card Debt - \$16,883**

*(per household)*

- **Average Debt - \$137,063**

*(per household, including mortgage)*

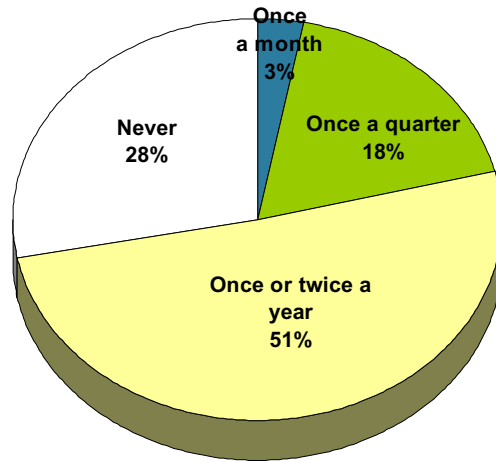
- **Total U.S. Outstanding Consumer Debt - \$3.62 trillion**



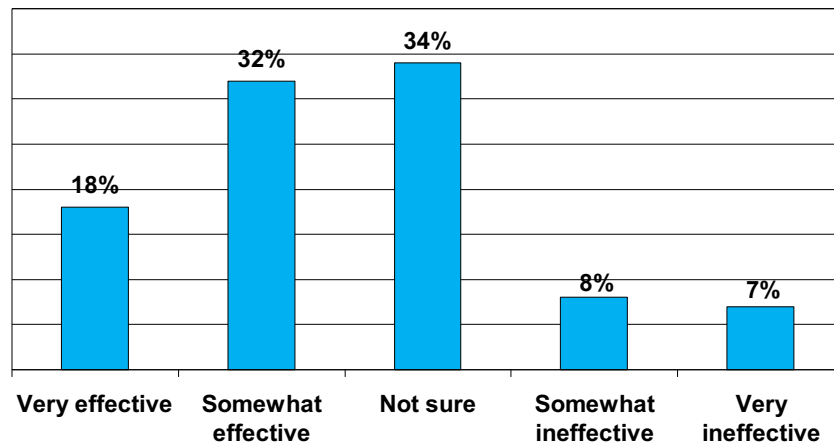
Source: <https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/average-credit-card-debt-household>. Figures are for the United States, as of May 2016.



## How Often Pastor Preaches About Stewardship



## Pastor Effectiveness in Teaching Stewardship





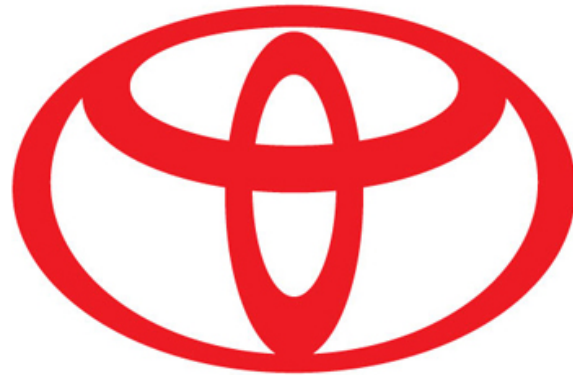
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**18 months** – Logos

**2 years** – Ask for products by name

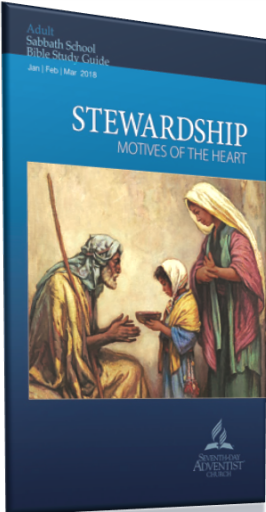




# OPPORTUNITIES



# ALL MEMBERS

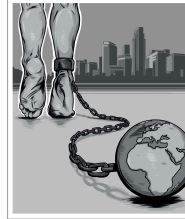
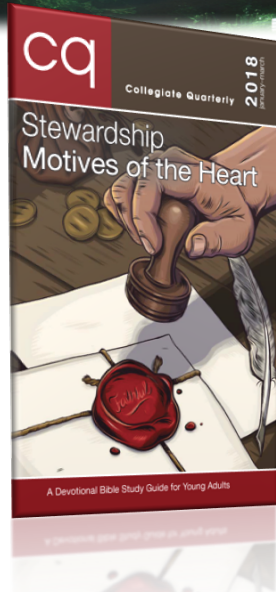


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# YOUNG ADULTS



## ACTIVITY

*Take two minutes and list three to five things you can do BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER First Quarter 2018 to foster an environment that will embrace stewardship principles.*

- Setting the Stage (Before)
- Implementing (During)
- Following Up (After)





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# Fund the mission to finish the work

