

# Abundance Canada & The Church



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# Credible, Flexible and Personal

Abundance Canada provides unique services for those interested in living generously. We have been serving donors and the church as a charitable public foundation since 1974.

Abundance Canada manages funds for churches and other charities. We also offer loans for capital projects to qualifying churches and organizations. Our consultants are available to help church boards, pastors and members learn to live a life of biblical generosity by connecting faith and finances.

We have no commissions, no hidden fees and no products to sell. Help your congregation experience the joy of living generously!



## Our Services

Abundance Canada encourages and enables giving that is faithful and joyful. Our highly trained consultants can assist your church with the following services:

### **Fund Management**

Abundance Canada offers earnings rates that are competitive and have comparable investment options offered by major financial institutions but with much greater liquidity. Abundance Canada is committed to socially responsible investing.

### **Bequests**

People are more likely to give to their church if a bequest policy is in place. Abundance Canada can help your church develop a policy as well as manage your bequest fund.

## Stewardship Resources

We provide financial stewardship education resources free of charge. Also, our gift planning consultants are available to give presentations, sermons and seminars on various topics.

## Gifts of Securities

More and more people are choosing to donate publicly traded securities because of the potential tax advantages and benefits to charity. Instead of selling the asset, it is transferred to Abundance Canada *in-kind*. Donors receive a single charitable receipt from Abundance Canada based on the fair market value of the gift. By working with us, the church and treasurer save time and money, and complex gifts are simplified.

## Will and Estate Planning

We help your members and adherents think through all the important elements of a will and incapacity documents. Consultants will prepare a memo that can be taken to their lawyer to help draft or update the required documents. There is no cost for this service.

## Biblical Principles of Stewardship

**God is generous.** Our generosity is a reflection of God's character.

**God owns, we manage.** As managers we have responsibilities and are accountable to God.

**God asks for our whole selves.** Stewardship, including our finances, is best forged in Christian community marked by integrity, mutual accountability and joy.

**God invites us to share.** Giving is an act of worship that proves that our words of faith are true.



# Abundance Canada Seminars

Our consultants are available to conduct weekend, full-day, part-day and single seminars/workshops for church groups. Any of the topics may be covered in greater or lesser detail depending on the time available. Consultants are also available to preach on stewardship themes and to conduct Sunday school classes for all ages.

## Gift Planning

This seminar explores the motivation for giving, gift planning goals, charitable tax credits, and various ways of giving (gifting of shares, mutual funds, life insurance, bequests, etc.).

## Will and Estate Planning

This seminar deals with the reasons for estate planning and will making, estate planning goals, executorships, estate distribution, charitable gifting, guardianship, incapacity documents, and working with professionals.

## Credit Card Cautions

This presentation challenges common cultural assumptions about credit card use. Many people assume that carrying debt on credit cards is normal. The reality is that debt can trap us. Life without debt frees us to be generous with the gifts God has given.

## Talking About Money

Many people aren't comfortable talking about money anywhere, let alone in church. However, we cannot be faithful to the gospel and avoid talking about money. This seminar poses provocative questions, explores scriptural principles and gives time to discuss attitudes toward money.

## Don't See it Here?

Seminars may be tailored to fit your specific needs or that of your group. Contact an Abundance Canada consultant for more information.

## Fees for Service?

Abundance Canada services and stewardship resource materials are available at no cost to your congregation.

## **Allowances—The Three “S’s” of Money**

Children need to learn that money is a gift from God to be shared and saved, not just spent. Through the use of an allowance, parents can begin to instill good habits in children as young as 5 or 6. These habits will hopefully stay with them throughout their lives as they grow to be faithful stewards of all of God’s good gifts.



## **Financial Management**

In order to be faithful managers of money in our culture, we have to counter the enormous pressure to consume. This seminar outlines some basic principles for managing personal finances, including: spending less than you earn, saving now and delaying gratification, and understanding debt—its hazards and the difference between good and bad debt.

## **Marriage and Money**

This seminar assists newly married and engaged couples to consider financial areas they should explore such as budgeting, saving, lifestyle issues, credit and borrowing, and first-fruits giving. This presentation works well as an addition to marriage preparation classes.

## **Timbit® Economics**

A great exercise to get your group thinking about the relationship between money, choice and power, this seminar may be age-specific (i.e., youth or adult) or used as an intergenerational event. It may be led by an Abundance Canada consultant or you can use our resources on your own.

## **One-to-One Consultations**

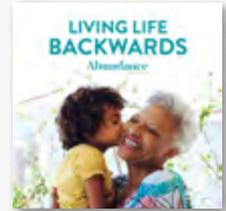
Individual consultations with consultants are available, usually as a follow-up for those who want assistance with charitable gift or estate planning.

# Abundance Canada Resources

Encouraging financial literacy and providing stewardship education is one of the primary mandates of Abundance Canada. Our teaching on the appropriate and responsible use of God’s gifts, coupled with its commitment to provide quality educational material, challenges leaders and laity alike to live out their faith in a material way. We are committed to helping individuals and congregations work at and plan for what it means to be stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. These free resources are available from Abundance Canada.

## Living Life Backwards

Retirement can be many things, including a time when we make some of our greatest contributions to humanity. This collection of stories reveals some unique ways people are being purposeful in retirement and beyond.



## Your Will and Estate Planning Guide

Thoughtful, informed, and prayerful planning for how your estate will be handled and disbursed after you have passed away is an act of good stewardship. This resource is a great place to start when considering your will and incapacity documents, or more complex estate planning.

## Money Matters for Youth

*Money Matters for Youth: Integrating Faith and Finances* is an interactive online resource for teachers and youth leaders. It is designed to open the discussion about money from a biblical perspective. It can be used as a stand-alone resource or as a six- to eight-week series. This can be downloaded from Abundance Canada’s website.



## God, Money, and Me

How we earn and spend our money tells a lot about who we are and what we consider important in life. This study guide is for anyone who wishes to explore his or her relationship to God and money.



## Giving Your First Fruits: Money, Faith and Worship

The collected writings of Edwin Friesen. Edwin was a humble man, easy to talk to and gracious with his gifts. His writing is a true representation of the man and this book is a collection of some of his best.

## Making Change

What do you do with your money? Share it? Save it? Spend it? *Making Change* is a video series designed to open up conversations about money, faith and stewardship. Abundance Canada helped to develop this resource. Find it at [makingchange.ca](http://makingchange.ca). There is also a discussion guide for leaders.

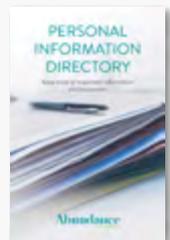


## First Things First

If you live in North America, you will likely earn and spend well over a million dollars in your lifetime. That's a lot of money! Learn how to manage money and plan your financial future from a Christian perspective by putting first things first.

## Personal Information Directory

This booklet is a place to store passwords and other information that family members would need in the event of a loved one's death.



# Abundance Canada Gift Planning Consultants

Abundance Canada consultants are available to work with individuals and charities by leading seminars and offering personal consultations regarding wills, estate plans and charitable gifting.

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