Stewardship Sermon Scholarship
worth $1,000 for religion & Christian education students

Stewardship Ministries, Church of the Nazarene Global Ministry Center
In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. ... But since you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you - see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:1-7 excerpt
Hello Nazarene student,

I'm thrilled to share this exciting opportunity with you. Your sermon about the role of stewardship and its place in the Church of the Nazarene could be worth $1,000.

Talk to your ministry professor and your financial aid office about participating in this contest. Then send your individual sermon to the Global Ministry Center to compete for one of several scholarships. Religion and Christian education graduate and undergraduate students from Nazarene colleges, universities, and seminaries in the USA and Canada are eligible to participate.

Your sermon submission should explore holiness as it relates to tithing and living generously, while addressing money as it relates to funding the mission of the Church of the Nazarene: “To make Christlike disciples in the nations.”

The scripture you should use as the base of your sermon is 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.
Submit your sermon and a picture of yourself by email to: stewardship@nazarene.org (please send as a Microsoft Word document) or mail a hard copy to: Stewardship Ministries, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS 66220. If you have any questions, contact Stewardship Ministries through the email provided above.

Sermons should be submitted by April 1, 2015, and winners will be notified in May. Sermons will be critiqued through a blind process by appointed judges. For more details, visit nazarene.org/sermonscholarship.

I am excited to see your work. Best of luck,

Mark E. Lail, D.Min.
Stewardship Ministries Director,
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By submitting your sermon for consideration, you:

1) Grant the Church of the Nazarene a non-exclusive, three-year, royalty-free license to publish your sermon and picture in any and all publications and websites of the general church. Attribution will be made each time your work is published. As the author, you have the right to use the sermon as you see fit at any time.

2) Represent and warrant that your submission is an original work and to the best of your knowledge does not copy or infringe upon the work of others. The license includes the right to edit your work for editorial and space-saving considerations. Visit our website nazarene.org/sermonscholarship for formatting standards and word count requirements. Email stewardship@nazarene.org with any questions.
“This is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the importance of Christian stewardship as a key component in the call to ‘Make Christlike Disciples in the Nations.’ I want to encourage you to enter the sermon scholarship competition as a means to help fulfill this mission and enrich your ministry preparation!”

Rev. David Filsinger
Winner 2013 & 2014

“Participating in the Stewardship Sermon Scholarship helped me think through how I would preach the topic of stewardship and generosity as a characteristic of the holy life, rather than just as a topic to preach on when church funds were tight. It presents a wonderful opportunity for young preachers to think about stewardship in a focused way while also supporting the continuing training of young preachers.”

Rev. Joe Foltz
Winner 2012