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Dear Kelvin SDA member / attendee

### **Stewardship 2014: Half-Time Reflections & Re-Strategies**

Halftime, in life, as in sport, is a time to reflect and to re-strategize ways to ensure success or to meet one's goals, taking into account tactics from the opposition. Unlike earthly sport teams, our enemy is not flesh and blood, but we are fighting against principalities and agencies of the devil himself. It is therefore that much more critical for us to take a moment to reflect on the tactics of the devil to defeat our stewardship goals and commitments to the Lord Himself; as we move into the second semester of 2014.

Remember, we are a team of believers making the Body that is Kelvin SDA church. Our success as a Body depends on each 'member' of the Body submitting their unique set of gifts, skills, talents, and resources for service. The church does not meet her goals until each one of us meets theirs, you are THAT important as a church member!

This year, we had purposed to achieve *three simple things* in our journey as faithful stewards for The Lord:

**1. Commitment to spend more time in communication with God**

It is time to reflect on our prayer life, this is one tool in our Christian walk we cannot afford to slack on, as the direction of our whole Christian journey hinges on our prayer life. Christ made it clear that there are challenges we have no hope of overcoming except through prayer and fasting. How is your individual prayer life? Have you been faithful in attending your cell group meetings? Remember, a church that prays together stays together.

**2. Using our gifts in His service at KSDA**

All of us can reflect on the unfailing and unfaltering Faithfulness of God in our lives and in our families. In response to His Faithfulness, have we been faithful stewards of all that has been gifted to us? How is your own individual involvement in church programs and activities? What have you done in service to your church and your fellow believers? Have you done all you could to labour your gifts for the Lord?

**3. Committing to be a responsible member at Kelvin SDA church**

We have heard and we all know that "home is where the heart is!" If you consider Kelvin SDA to be your home, is your heart here? Do you appear in the church records as a family member? We also know that for each home to function effectively, each family member must pull their weight and share in the family responsibilities. Have you supported your 'home church' faithfully through tithes and offerings? Are you a responsible family steward?

If, like most of us, you find yourself in need of improvement in any one or more of the points we have touched on, do not despair. You can still pick up your pace and use this second-half to win the 2014 stewardship fight through these simple strategies:

- Recommitting to start and end your day by prayer, and recommitting to support group your local prayer group whenever possible

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- Ensuring that you attend **and** participate in church activities using your spiritual gifts, skills, talents, and resources
- Ensuring that your membership has been transferred to Kelvin SDA church if you are a regular and baptized attendee at KSDA
- Ensuring that you communicate your employment status, seasonal or temporal income cycles to the church treasurer to ensure accurate record keeping
- Ensuring that you remit a faithful tithe to the storehouse of the Lord
- Supporting local church budget through systematic benevolence to ensure the accomplishment of the necessary work.

Active involvement in your local church is imperative to living a life without compromise. It is only through the ministry of the local church that a believer can receive the kind of teaching, accountability, and encouragement that is necessary for him to stand firm in his convictions. God has ordained that the church provides the kind of environment where an uncompromising life can thrive and His people can grow spiritually.

Too often, churches are like football games...

- a. The players on the field could use a rest from their exertion
- b. The spectators in the stands need to exercise more

Churches likewise have "players" and "spectators"...

- a. The players are active members, faithfully supporting their local church
- b. The spectators are members who benefit while expecting others to carry the load

Support your local church by being an active and involved member. Not only will you bless others in doing so, but you will be richly blessed in return...!

**"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."**

- [Heb 6:10](#)

At the end of 2014, I pray that each of us will be able to quote Paul in our stewardship journey, "I have fought a good fight, and I have kept the faith".

Yours in Christ

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