

Resolution on Financial Stewardship

WHEREAS the effects of the global financial crisis continue to impact families, congregations, and communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS a major cause of the crisis is the excessive accumulation of debt induced in part by overspending; and

WHEREAS our ability to provide for our families and to share with others is undergirded by responsible and compassionate financial stewardship; and

WHEREAS the resources which are provisionally entrusted to us belong ultimately to God (Ps. 24:1):

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we encourage Texas Baptists to renew our commitment to a biblically grounded stewardship of financial and material resources which is marked by prudence, thrift, and benevolence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we avoid both excessive debt and excessive spending so that we can enhance the economic stability of our families, churches, and communities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we are inspired by the Gospel to use our resources wisely to provide for our own genuine needs and to serve the larger interests of God's Kingdom.

This resolution passed November 17, 2009 at the BGCT Annual Meeting