
The Broader Church

Encouragement and support for proper stewardship in the home come from the parish community. Within the parish we should be able to find a faith community where there is support for living a life modeled after that of Jesus. Each of us bears responsibility for ownership of the parish and its programs for the life and development of the parish family.

The same spirit of ownership and responsibility extends beyond the home and the parish. It embraces the diocese and the Universal Church — the Christian community of our brothers and sisters wherever they may be.

Our love to all is expressed in deeds of service and material support. We set ourselves to the task of creating and redeeming our little part of the world in cooperation with our God, the Creator and Lord of all. That is stewardship. It is the Christian's way of life!



Personal Reflection

- How do I rate myself as a steward of the gifts God has entrusted to me: my life, the uses of my time, my relationship with those around me, and the resources I have to use and to share?
- How does God rate me?

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“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (1 Peter 4:10).

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God's Co-Workers

Various elements of stewardship can be found throughout the pages of the New Testament. In one parable, Jesus spoke of the wise and faithful steward who was placed over other members of a household in order that they receive their portion of food at the proper time. The stewards knew that the master would hold him accountable.



Christian stewards realize that they, too, are to share with others, in a generous and timely way, what they have received. They know also that God will hold them responsible.

Response in Trust

Because God has uniquely entrusted us with gifts, our first requirement is to prove trustworthy. (1 Cor 4:2) As we strive to understand God's solemn trust and strive

to be faithful stewards of the many gifts we have received, we begin to grasp our role of sharing in God's creative and redemptive work. We become generous not as a matter of duty but as a matter of love.

When the great commandment of love of God and neighbor truly echoes within us, we know that God's love cannot survive in us if we close our hearts to our brothers and sisters when we see them in need. (1 Jn 3:17) We see human kind as God's family whose members have fundamental equality and dignity.

Love as Service

As we get in touch with our own giftedness and grow to appreciate the trust God places in us, we become ever more responsive to the call to stewardship. Life, the people with whom we relate, and the resources we enjoy, all call us to a sense of reverence. We cherish and foster the gifts of all while using our own gifts to serve others.

Stewards in the Home

As Christians, we are particularly called to serve the community of faith. We are called to use our gifts to participate in the mission of the Church: proclaiming the Good News, teaching, serving and sanctifying.

This important work is first done by parents in the domestic church—the HOME. They have the responsibility to share faith and



devotion with their children and to teach them Christian values. Parents are called to model a life-style which show how to love as Christians should amidst the pressures of a secularized society. They need to witness the true meaning of stewardship to their children by their selfless service to one another, to their children, and to Church and community needs..