
*“Where ever your treasure
lies there your heart will be.”*

Luke 12:34



Stewardship

Stewardship is a “Way of Life.” It is really a journey of Faith. There is no greater love than laying down one’s life for a friend. Jesus did this for us when He gave up His life on the cross.

Our reason to give should not be based on the Church’s need to for money but rather on our need and desire to show gratitude to Our Lord for all that He has given us. This is where true faith come in.

To give from the first of the fruits rather than the leftovers shows we have Faith in God and His teachings. *“In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing free will gifts. With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means, For the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give you back seven-fold.”*

Deuteronomy 16:10, 16-17

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serve one another as good stewards
of God’s varied graces” (1 Peter 4:10).*



Time



We cannot manage time. We can only manage what we do with the time given to us. Each of us has only so much time on this earth and none of us knows how much we have.

As true followers of Christ we have been called to discipleship. *“The end of all things is at hand. Therefore be serious and sober for prayers. Above all let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it so to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces.”* 1 Peter 4:7-10

Make your life count. Live it fully as God intended by being a good steward of your time. *“For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the live you have demonstrated for His name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones. We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of hope until the end.”* Hebrews 6:10-11

Talent

We should recognize the gifts that God has given us. We all have different talents. None of us are exactly alike. God made us that way so that we all may serve Him and others by using the talents that we possess.

“Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:6-8



We share our talents with our very lives, in the parish, in the community, with every person we meet. As we give more of ourselves away, our relationship to Jesus and others grows rich. *“All the Lord has done for me—what is enough for me to do in His service?”*

We the laity are called to use our God-given talents to help build God’s kingdom here on earth.

Treasure

When we approach the subject of *Treasure* or *Money* in the stewardship way of life many think, *“This is really what it is all about. Stewardship is just another fancy name for asking for more money.”* That is not true. Treasure is only one of the important parts of stewardship.

Many pastors do not like to talk about money in church. Most parishioners definitely don’t want to hear about money in church, yet 19 out of Jesus’ 36 parables dealt with money or possessions.

The ministry of the church in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ requires resources and we must look our people of Faith to provide it.



A “True Steward” gives out of the need to give thanks to God for all God has given. One’s generosity does not depend on the Church’s needs but rather on the need to show one’s gratitude and faith. The decision to give has not so much to do with calendar and budgets. Rather, the decision to give is really a matter of putting your life with God into perspective.
