



## *Stewards for One Another*

Baptism bonded us in with all God's people. Through Baptism we are called to share in the mission of Jesus: to do God's will, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to care for others, and to be life-giving to those around us.

To follow in the way of Jesus is stewardship. It is a way of life that calls for daily conversion. It is living the gift of life in such a way that we return it to God as a new gift — our personal gift! It is living life and using our gifts as a Christian — as Jesus did!

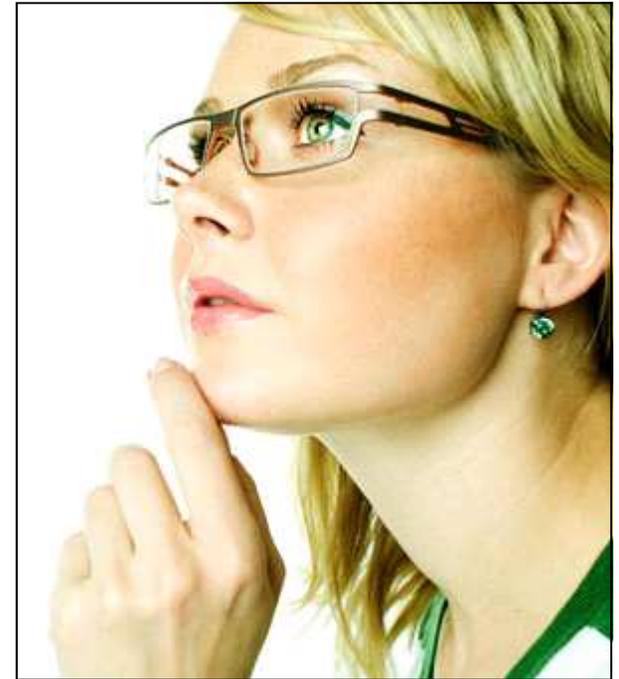
## *Personal Reflection*

- Am I in touch with the greatness of my gift of LIFE?
- Do I claim the gifts which God has given to me as a person?
- How much TIME do I give to prayer and to searching for God's will in my life?
- Is my life, the use of my gifts, truly life-giving to those around me?

Stewardship is a way of life!  
It is a daily challenge to grow!

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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).*



## *How Do I Live As Jesus Did?*

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## *A Way of Life*

Stewardship is a life-long process of trying to be a true and faithful disciple of Jesus. It is a way of living fully the Christian identity that we received when we were ushered into the family of God at our baptism.

To be a good steward and a faithful follower of Jesus means making the firm decision to commit one's very self to the Lord Jesus! It is the determination to bring one's entire life into harmony with the message of the Gospel.

## *Look Inward*

Being good stewards begins with an honest look INWARD. It calls us to come to terms with how we understand life itself. It helps us to recognize and to appreciate that God is the source of all we are and all we possess. Stewardship flows

from having met God in the very core of one's being. It results when one truly realizes that LIFE itself is God's gift. The unfolding of each moment of our span of life is God's gift to us. How we use our time is our gift back to God! Facing God in the very center of our being with the gift of life in our hands calls us to be good stewards!

Good stewards take the gift of life from God and try to become faithful caretakers of all they are and all they have received.

## *A Personal Call*

As we follow Jesus through the pages of the Gospel we see how very personal His meetings were with others. He did not deal with them as faceless crowds but as unique and separate individuals. We, too, have our personal call in life. Our Lord has a purpose in mind for each of us. God made us just the way we are with our unique

gifts. As good stewards of these gifts, we should apply them in order to grow in loving relationship with God and others.



## *Stewards of Self*

To appreciate the gift of life and the many gifts we have received from God requires that we take the TIME to recognize our gifts. This necessitates that we take TIME to reflect on what it is that God wants us to do with our gifts. It means taking care of and developing the "self" God gave us in order to accomplish our purpose in life. Personal stewardship is being the very best individuals our gifts enable us to be.

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