A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

An introduction of *Stewardship* to the congregation

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The November issue ***Stewardship*** contains several statements that compel the reader to stop and consider. Here are a few:

- "Giving does as much, often even more, for ourselves as it does for the people and good causes we support."
- "If it's a chore for me to give, there's something wrong with my heart. I've forgotten who it rightly belongs to."
- "Someone once said there are two ways of looking at life. You can take it for granted or you can take it with gratitude and the choice you make determines your character."

Two stories are of people who are trying their best to be good stewards: One is about a woman who goes to the needy part of her city to do what she can to help some of those living in poverty. Her message for others is this: "I believe all of us can make the world better in tiny gestures that add up to a lot of energy." Another is about a young man named Gerry who wants to make a difference in the lives of teenagers in their church. He says: "It is so important for them to have someone who cares to listen. If I can impact one life, it is more than worth it." Such service, such giving of their time, talent, and resources is what stewardship is all about. The first letter of Timothy says: "*They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so they may take hold of the life that really is life.*" What a profound statement! It is a recipe for a life that really is life.

Prayer: Dear Lord. Please help us understand the many benefits that come from being good stewards. Stir us up so that we may, by your grace, find life that really is life. **Amen.**

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