

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of **Stewardship** to the congregation

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The masthead of **Stewardship** says “to inspire a deeper understanding of true stewardship.” Its purpose is to help Christians learn how to better manage one’s possessions, especially the family income and the use of one’s God-given talents. Each of us has physical, educational, social, and spiritual needs. None of our needs must be neglected if we are to be properly balanced people. Surely we can say that God wants us to have all of our needs fully met. Indeed it is only when our needs are fully met that God can best use us to serve God and to work for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Remember what we say when we pray the Lord’s prayer: “Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven....” Remember also that in the sixth chapter of St. Matthew’s gospel we find Jesus telling his followers to seek first God’s kingdom and his righteousness. That is what Christian stewardship is all about: Using our time and talents to serve God as best we can.

In the 1960's a theological scholar named Thomas Kepler made a vow to the Lord that was read at his funeral. The vow was something like this: “On this day I take upon myself all the saintly disciplines. I will pray regularly. I will continuously strive to serve the Lord wherever God leads me. I will strive to show love toward all whom I meet. I will do my best to be a dedicated servant of God wherever I am.” Those who knew Dr. Kepler testified that he reached his goal. He was a true saint.

Prayer: Almighty God, Help us to be the best stewards possible. We are grateful for every blessing we have from You. **Amen**

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