

Stewardship: An Attitude of Gratitude

Most people are aware of the concept of Stewardship – recognizing everything we have is a gift from God, being grateful, developing our gifts and generously sharing with others. Gifts are typically categorized as time, talent and treasure. But how do we practice this in everyday life?

TIME - invest in your prayer life

- Pray to God frequently throughout the day, every day.
- Talk and listen to God.

TALENT – willingness to help others

- Participate in parish ministries and other charitable organizations.
- Accept responsibility for helping others.

TREASURE – generosity with your financial gifts

- Generously return a portion of the money you have been given by God.
- Give cheerfully without expecting anything in return. No gift is too small or insignificant.

Stewardship isn't some exclusive club. We are all stewards. Living stewardship requires a conversion – a change that softens our hearts and makes room for the Holy Spirit to enter.

Living a stewardship lifestyle:

- Takes time – time to pray.
- Is difficult – demands placing God first in all things.
- Means taking risks – detaching ourselves from our time, possessions and money - placing our trust in God.

You are invited to follow this path!

And invite one other person – JUST ONE – to do the same!

Stewardship requires action. The action of past generations is what built the Church. It is our responsibility to develop and nurture our gifts for future generations. As St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words when necessary."

Stewardship isn't easy, but it has tremendous rewards - Love, Peace and Joy on earth and eternal life in heaven!

Question: When you stand before God and He asks what you have done with the gifts He has given you, how will you respond?