

# A Stewardship Minute

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

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The May issue of *Stewardship* has a few words that are quite compelling. Listen to them and think about them for a minute.” Stewardship is a way of life for a life time. A good steward will give thanks to God by offering a worthy portion of his or her time, talent, and resources right now. Whatever power, health, abilities, opportunities and other gifts God has allowed us to have, we should be using for God’s sake today.” God has given us life. Therefore shouldn’t we show our gratitude by loving and serving God? There are some instructive and helpful words in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Paul’s letter to the church members in Rome. St. Paul wrote: “We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” (Romans 14:7).

There is a story of a young man who was in a quandary about what the Lord wanted him to do with his life. He read books describing various occupations, but he did not feel comfortable with any field described. He felt the Lord tugging at his heart. So he enrolled in a seminary and found his soul at rest. Joy and peace replaced his inner agony. His stewardship convinced him that he was doing what the Lord desired for him. God doesn’t need every person to become a pastor. But, God does want each of us to be a faithful steward. God desires us to seek to use our talent and time to work for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Let us go to the Lord in prayer.

**Prayer:** Our Father, we thank you for giving us guidance as live out our days and years. Help us understand precisely where and when we might be of service on behalf of your Kingdom. Prevent us from going astray from your guidance and help us always to be steadfast servants of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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