

A Stewardship Minute

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

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Christmas has to do with God's unmatched gift to us in the person of Christ. The late pastor, The Rev. Paul Scherer, poetically put it this way: "God came walking down the stairs of heaven carrying a little baby in his arms." The "baby" was for the whole world and he brought light and love and salvation for anyone who accepted him.

The question for us is what shall we do with this precious gift from God, the one we call the Son of God? Shouldn't we receive Christ joyfully, love him faithfully, and serve him continually?

Christians should be proud to admit that we follow Christ. We should be happy to be a part of the Body of Christ; the Church. And we ought to be prompted to be good Christian stewards of all that is ours: Our bodies, minds, and spirits. Our time, talent, and possessions, including our money, property, and other worldly goods, which are gifts from God.

A fascinating article in this month's issue of Stewardship speaks of how we Christians are all connected together with the joyous task of living, sharing, and serving together on behalf of the One who came from God to bless us all. What a glorious calling we have!

Prayer:

Lord of us all, you stagger our souls when we consider the indescribable gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Grant us the will and the grace to be faithful and eager servants on his behalf until we find ourselves at home with you. **Amen.**

"A Stewardship Minute" is provided as a supplement to the Stewardship newsletter as part of your subscription. It can be read by the pastor, stewardship leader or lay reader during worship to briefly introduce and remind the congregation about the principles of stewardship each month. It may also be edited to fit specific needs. Used in this manner, it can significantly increase the general understanding of true giving.