

A Stewardship Minute

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

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Reap Bountifully

In the March issue *Stewardship* there is a story about a couple who decided to clear out the clutter from a bedroom closet. Naturally, they found a lot of things they no longer needed; everything from clothes, comforters, kitchen equipment, lamps, and so forth. You can identify with their experience, can't you?

The question, of course, when we decide to clean out a closet or garage or whatever, is what shall we do with the things we do not need? Well, the couple in the story decided simply to give these things away to those people in need, or to organizations which serve the poor or afflicted.

That was a smart move. Their action of giving away their unneeded goods became the source of blessings for them. They found the great joy which comes from giving. You don't need to wait until you clean out your attic! They discovered the great truth that in giving, we receive. St. Paul's words to the Corinthians became very meaningful to them. Paul wrote: "The one who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (II Corinthians 9:6) They decided to sow bountifully by giving things away.

Jesus said: "Give and it will be given to you." (Luke 6:38) I remind you that if Jesus said it, you can believe it. You can count on it.

Let Us Pray: Lord, keep reminding us that it is in giving that we receive the greatest joys you have for us. **In Christ's name, 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 will help to increase the general understanding of true giving.

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