

A Stewardship Minute

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

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There is a wonderful old hymn called “In the Garden.” Perhaps you will remember the first verse and the refrain:

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. Refrain: And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known. (C. A. Miles 1913)

We are reminded of Christ’s last words: “Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Mt. 28:20) Christ is indeed our eternal companion. His promise is indeed to walk and talk with us throughout all of our lives; a promise on which we can always rely. When we sincerely decide to be open to Christ’s companionship and to live so as to make him proud of us, we will want to show it in our daily living ... including our stewardship.

An article in the May issue of **Stewardship** titled “Walking with Jesus” reminds us that St. Paul told the Christians in Ephesus that Christians are “created in Christ Jesus for good works.” (Eph. 2:10) “Good works” has to do with stewardship. That is, using our minds, our strength, our talents, our resources to serve our Lord and Savior daily. That is a big order, so remember we have our eternal Companion who stands ready to help us in our “good works” for the Kingdom of God. Surely we would not want to fail our Lord in that endeavor.

Prayer: Stir us up, O Lord, that we may always be ready to do “good works,” including acts of stewardship for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

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