

A Stewardship Minute

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

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One day, a wise old grandfather clock, feeling weary, began to consider just how many times it was ticking annually. It figured it ticked two times a second, 120 times a minute, 7200 times an hour, 172,800 times a day, 63,072,000 times a year. Imagine that ... over 63 million ticks a year! Exasperated at how hard the clock had to work, it wanted to quit ticking: "I'll sit down and quit. That's too much ticking for me."

Sometimes life feels that way for many of us. If we over-think the time and energy we spend on every little thing ... it can be overwhelming. We need to learn to expend our efforts wisely, taking one step at a time. Moving forward with steady determination, we can accomplish a great amount.

In our service to and worship of God we must steadfastly continue, or else Christianity would wither away. An article in this month's *Stewardship* suggests that we exercise our stewardship steadily ... a bit at a time ... week by week, year by year. Faithfully and steadily.

Jesus talked about a woman taking a bit of yeast then mixing it in flour. It took a while, but in time the risen dough was ready to bake. A little expanded into a lot. (Luke 13-20-21) Just so, our daily stewardship in time builds a refuge for orphan children, aid for a missionary in Africa or Asia, medical help for those dying of malaria or Aids, or a wonderful church, such as we have ourselves. Bit by bit, our stewardship, with God's help, will always work miracles.

Prayer: Do not, O Lord, allow us to grow weary in well-doing. Stir us up to exercise our total stewardship, that our efforts may always please you. **Amen**

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