



Stewardship 101

SAILING THE STEWARDSHIP





The Vision: What is our goal?

Active, engaged, committed stewards



Support ministries through Stewardship



Grow the Church through ministries



A more Christ-centered life

STEWARDSHIP = THANKSGIVING



Stewardship

is OUR ...

WAY OF LIFE

*For unto whomsoever much is given,
of him shall be much required.*

Luke 12:48



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Part One

Hoisting the Anchor





Definition

A Christian Steward is one who receives God's gifts *gratefully*, cherishes and tends them in a *responsible* manner, *shares* them in justice and love with others, and *returns* them with increase to the Lord. (Stewardship: A Disciples Response)



What does this mean?



A Christian Steward is one who receives God's
gifts *gratefully*,

GRATITUDE





cherishes and tends them in a *responsible* manner,

RESPONSIBILITY





shares them in justice and love with others,

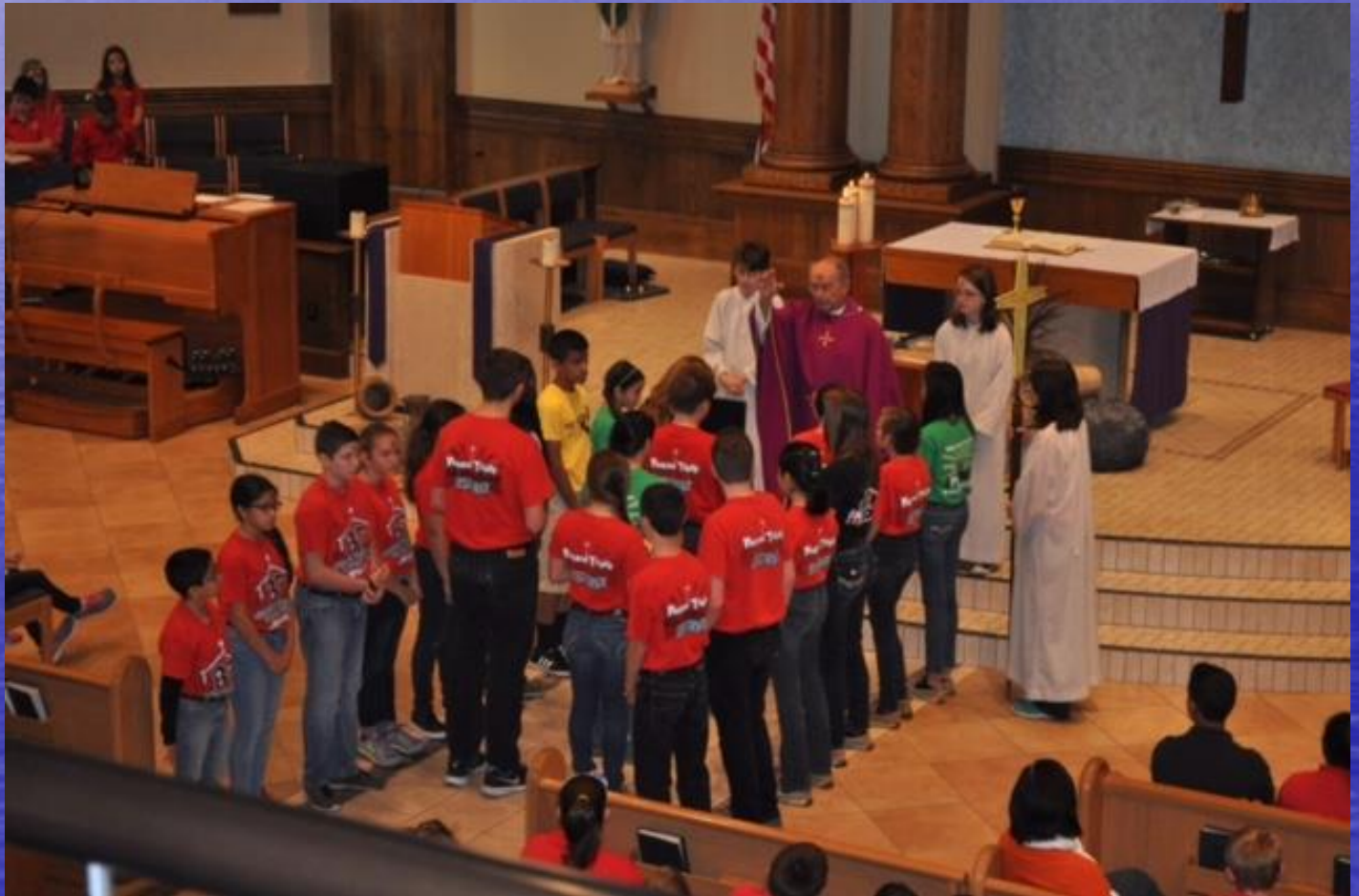
SHARING & GENEROSITY





and *returns* them with increase to the Lord.

ACCOUNTABILITY





STEWARDSHIP IS...

*Choosing to live a life of:
Gratitude, Responsibility,
Generosity & Accountability*





*Stewardship
acknowledges
God as owner of
all material
goods and the
giver of time
and talent to
every person.*





Motivation for Giving...

We can categorize people's motivation for giving several different ways.

- **Fear/Guilt (give if you hurt)** – giving out of a fear of punishment or as compensation for things we feel guilty about.
- **Rewards (give if you can get something back)** – giving because we get something out of it; a tax deduction, a big win from a raffle, etc.
- **Social Approval (give if someone's looking)** – giving in order to be recognized by others or because of competition with others.
- **Need (give if someone else hurts)** - giving to the parish because the roof is leaking; giving to feed the homeless.
- **Duty/Sacrifice (give until it hurts)** - giving out of a sense of obligation and/or loyalty to the parish, the school, etc.
- **Gratitude (give until it feels good)** – giving because we are truly grateful for what God has given us in our lives and we want to express thanks.



Motivation for Giving...

Stewardship is based on this last one:

- **Gratitude (give until it feels good)** – giving because we are truly grateful for what God has given us in our lives and we want to express thanks.

We give back because we understand that God is the giver of all that we have and all that we are. This understanding makes us deeply thankful.

Embracing the Stewardship Way of Life is reflected by the following:

- **Weekly participation in the celebration of the Eucharist at Mass**
- **Volunteering some Time and Talent in parish ministries.**
- **Using an offering envelope each week at Mass with the average offering being at least 10% of the family gross income (2% of this may be allocated to other charities).**



Stewardship is a complete lifestyle which covers every aspect of our lives.





*Stewardship
asks us to
assess our
gifts and
make a
decision on
what parts
will be the
“first fruits”
we return to
God.*





*Stewardship involves a
change of heart and
personal behavior.*





Stewardship implies that we give, not because we feel obligated, but because we are grateful to God.





Stewardship is NOT:

Materialistic

Individualistic

The Norm in our Society





Stewardship brings joy since we are freed from an over-attachment to things of the world.





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Part Two

Setting Sail





How do we put the concepts
of gratitude, responsibility,
generosity, and accountability
into action?

Three words...

TIME

TALENT

TREASURE





Time....

Time spent reflecting on the presence of God in our lives.

Talent....

Using the gifts/skills/talents I have to serve God.

Treasure...

Tithing our “first fruits” of our harvest. The Biblical norm is giving 10% of our annual gross income to Charity.





Principles of Stewardship

Time

- Reflects gratitude to God for each day to attain salvation.

Talents

- Responsibly nurturing and advancing our skills and talents for God.

Treasure

- Keeping a balanced life spiritually and materially.



The Greatest Steward of all...



*He feeds the
crowds with two
fish and five
loaves*

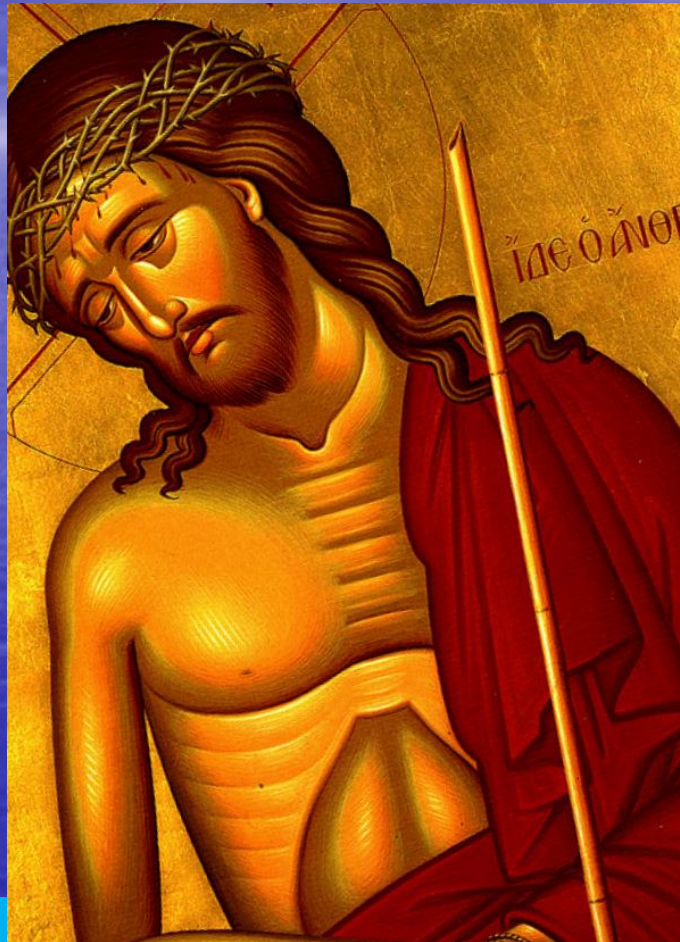


*Washes the feet
of His disciples*



*Cures the
infirm*

Giving time, talent,



and His life.



Let's talk about

Time

We are responsible for ALL of our time. EVERYTHING we do should be God-Centered.

Then we should set aside some time that is only devoted to God.



God-Centered Time

Examples include...

Prayer & Worship

- Sunday Mass
- Adoration Chapel
- Personal and Group Bible Study
- Personal and Family Prayer (*Pause During Work Time to Pray*)

Family Time (Meals without TV, Date with spouse, etc.)





Time Analysis

How many hours a week do we spend

- Working?
- Sleeping?
- Eating?
- Worshiping?
- Driving?
- Watching TV?
- Talking on the phone?
- Using the computer?
- Housework?
- Yardwork?
- Praying?
- Focused Family Time?

When we are doing all of these activities....

Are they God-Centered?



Time self-assessment

My Time

Myself

- Work
- Recreation
- Relationships
- Growth
- Hobbies
- Internet

Others

- Immediate family
- Extended family
- Friends
- Community

God

- **Through His Church**

Three relationships that define me.

What are my priorities?



Let's talk about

Talent

Examples include...

Preparing a Meal for your
family

Leading Scouts

Sorting Clothing at Brother's
Keeper

Singing in the Choir

Bereavement Committee





Talent Analysis

- Singing
 - ➔ Choir
- Cooking
 - ➔ Bereavement
- Organizing
 - ➔ Event Planner
- Listening
 - ➔ Lifeteen Core Team
- Understanding of Youth
 - ➔ Receptionist
- Painting
 - ➔ Church Decorating
- Typing/Computer Skills
 - ➔ Creating Banners
- Answering Phones
 - ➔ Welcome Committee



Talent self-assessment

My Talents

Career

- Leadership
- Teaching
- Public Relations
- Finance
- Real Estate
- Legal work

Hobby

- Singing
- Repairing
- Gardening
- Decorating
- Event planning

Personal

- Cooking/baking
- Social networking
- Consoling
- Computer skills

God

- **Through His Church**





Let's talk about

Treasure

10% tithe to Charity

***Suggested 8% to the
Church and the remaining
2% to other charities.***





Treasure self-assessment

My Treasure

Bills

- Food
- Clothing
- Electric
- School expenses
- Mortgage
- Car payments

Entertainment

- Cable TV
- Music
- Movies
- Dining out
- New electronics
- Vacation fund

Personal Comfort

- Daily coffee
- Hobbies
- Memberships
- Luxury goods
- Recreation

God

- Through HIS Church

What is my budget for Church Stewardship?



Treasure Analysis

Everything we “own” is God’s and everything we earn is God’s because He has given us the ability. Giving back 10% is the directive given us in scripture.

Tithing is the most successful and least stressful when it is the first check written each week. When you feel God has been given an ample measure of your thanks, everything else falls into place.

- Gross Income x .10 = _____
- ÷ 52 = _____per week



HISTORY OF BLESSED TRINITY



St. Philip Neri-1889



**Blessed Trinity Church-
1930**



- **Blessed Trinity Church-
1959**



- **Blessed Trinity Church-
1974**



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Part Three

Navigating the High Seas





Challenges Living the Stewardship Way of Life

Time

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Talent

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Treasure

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1. List your challenges
2. Make the decision if you want to overcome them
3. Create an action plan



PLAN OF ACTION

PRAY-

*Where does God fit
into my life?*

*Where do I want God
in my life?*

*How can I put God
first in my life?*





PLAN OF ACTION

STUDY LIFESTYLE

*"What can I change
in my life to get
my time
more God-
centered?"*





PLAN OF ACTION

STUDY MINISTRY BOOKLET

What do I like to do?

How can it fit into a ministry?

Who do I want to call first?





PLAN OF ACTION

LOOK AT FINANCIAL SITUATION

"What is my response this week?"

"What percentage is that?"

"Where do I want to be in six months?"

*****Remember...choose a place to start...many have to work toward the 10% goal.***



Review

As you leave today you should:

- Understand what stewardship is.
- Be able to form an action plan to enhance your relationship with God.



Annual responsibilities for Stewardship Families

- Make a prayerful annual commitment during November Renewal.
- Attend a Stewardship Verification Meeting in February.
- Remain faithful to what you have committed to doing.
- Communicate with the Parish Office if life situations change.





Verification Meeting for Stewardship Families

- 1st Item: Are you attending weekly Mass?
If out of town, bring a bulletin
- 2nd Item: How are you sharing your gifts of time & talent?
- Last Item: What is your gift of treasure?





A Christian Perspective on Stewardship.....

On a personal level, Stewardship

strengthens our faith and commitment to Christ.

recognizes His presence in our lives.

offers our **children** a Christ-centered lifestyle.

*"a good **defense** before the awesome Judgment seat of Christ."*



A Christian Perspective on Stewardship.....

On a Parish level, Stewardship

Enables the *ministries* of the Church.

Develops *community*.

Fulfills Parish's *vision*.

Promotes "*apostolic mode*".



Living the Stewardship Way of Life
is a
Church Matter
NOT
a School Matter





Blessed Trinity...A Community of Disciples Living the Stewardship Way of Life.

