### A Stewardship Message from the Pastor



Picture of your pastor

This is place to insert a

stewardship message

from your pastor,

focusing on how

stewardship changes

the lives of individuals, parishes,

families and communities.

Name of Parish

Address lines

**Contact Information** 

## Transforming...

- Individuals
- Families
- Parishes
- Communities

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# Stewardship Transforms Lives

#### **Individuals**

- "As I continued to give of my time, talent and treasure I realized that I was growing spiritually. God and other people became a more important part of my life." (Parishioner, Our Lady of the Assumption, Charlotte)
- "...the one overwhelming



change in life has been a deepening of my Faith. I really trust that God loves me

and will take care of me." (Parishioner, St. Luke, Charlotte)

"As always, I find that when I give, I get so much in return." (Parishioner, Our Lady of Mercy, Winston-Salem)

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus; and where it has been implemented, both givers' and receivers' lives have been changed.

### **Families**

- "Through the years, it has become difficult to separate our life from our stewardship...Our involvement with our children has lead us to stewardship as a family." (Parishioner, St. Barnabas, Arden)
- "Stewardship, in our minds, is not just limited to my husband and myself. Our children have

Picture of family

Caption for picture of family

stewardship activity.

been alter stewardship activity here servers, youth

council members. ushers...as a

family we have helped the

needy, and it

has brought us closer together." (Parishioner, St. Paul the Apostle, Greensboro)

#### **Parishes**

- "The work of stewardship has led to 50% of parishioners being involved in one of the 85 ministries currently active in the parish." (St. Pius X, Greensboro)
- Although a rural and distant region, parishioners found that stewardship brought them together into thriving faithfilled communities of believers. (St. William, Murphy & Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayesville)

#### **Communities**

Giving of time, talent and treasure is not limited to the Church. Many people will give of their time and talent as volunteers to community agencies in addition to serving in



Volunteers offer helping hands at the CSS Food Pantry.

their parish, transforming the entire community.

Christian stewardship provides spirituality that the lay

person can take home from church, exercise at work and express through personal involvement in the community and church.

Community agencies that benefit from the stewardship of parishioners include

- Food pantries
- Soup kitchens
- Homeless shelters
- **Public libraries**
- Literacy programs
- Mentoring programs
- Thrift stores
- Senior centers

Picture of Stewardship Activity Here