



B. Homily Helps

Incorporating stewardship messages into your weekly homilies helps encourage generous and prayerful participation from your parishioners. By weaving a stewardship theme through the year, your listeners become familiar with the principles and themes of stewardship as they appear in the Gospels.

There are many parables of stewardship in the scriptures. You know them well. Here are three themes about how we turn our hearts toward God.

1. The attitude of a Child of God.

The origin of every gift is the divine. Every good gift comes from the Father. The primary attitude required is for each one to open himself to the gift of God, to become like little children . . .

“whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.” (Mark 10:15)

2. God will provide.

3. God always takes the initiative.

God always takes the initiative for salvation. Generosity goes astray only when it pretends to precede grace. God is in control.

Old Testament

In the Old Testament, God's gift takes the form of a promise, a covenant. The gifts themselves prefigure and prepare for the ultimate gift – Jesus Christ.

New Testament

Jesus is the ultimate gift of God's love.

In His faithfulness, He gives His life.

In Him we are made rich with every spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 1:5).