



*Be faithful in small things because it is in them
that your truth lies... Good works are links that
form a chain of love... I am a little pencil in
the hand of a writing God who is sending a
love letter to the world.*

—Mother Teresa

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You can
become
the disciple
Christ wants
you to be.



Stewardship
is a way of life at
St. Ann Catholic Church,
Charlotte, North Carolina

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus.

Where stewardship has been implemented, both the givers' and receivers' lives have been changed.

It is a way of life. It is a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning to Him a portion of time, talent and treasure allotted to us.

Stewardship engenders a spirituality that deepens our relationship with the Lord. Stewardship involves intentional, planned and proportionate giving of time, talent and treasure.



When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.

—G.K. Chesterton

What Difference Will Stewardship Make in My Life?

The difference is the motivation for giving.

Stewardship is an extension of our spiritual life where we give in gratitude to God for what we have already received. The difference also is in the result of our giving. Those who practice stewardship find that they grow spiritually and that their faith is deepened.

The Call...

The Christian vocation is essentially a call to be a disciple of Jesus.

Stewardship is a way to accomplish that. Christians are called to be good stewards of all they receive. Each of us must discern, accept and live out joyfully and generously the commitments, responsibilities and roles to which God calls us.



Specifically, we look at our Time, our Talent and our Treasure in determining our response as wise and prudent stewards.

- What portion of our time are we investing to enhance parish life and to deepen our faith through prayer, study, worship, social action and fellowship?
- What talents are we sharing for the betterment of our fellow companions in our parish to support a Christian way of life for all of us?
- What predetermined percentage of our income are we giving in the weekly offertory collection as a shared investment in our parish's well-being?

What Happens Next?

Next week you will receive another mailing from the parish.

That mailing will ask you to make a stewardship commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure. You will be asked to return the commitment card at Sunday Mass. Consider your gifts as means of giving back to God for the blessings you have received.

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

—St. Francis of Assisi