



## Disciples as Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.

Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.

Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.



### Prayer

“As the body craves silence for sleep, as the mind craves silence for thought, the soul craves silence for prayer, for being with Jesus.”

— Cardinal Timothy Dolan

### Participation

“Everyone, not just Missionaries of Charity, can do something beautiful for God.... This is the future - this is God’s wish for us - to serve through love in action.”

—St. Teresa

### Generosity

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

—2 Corinthians 9:6-7



# Stewardship

A Disciple's Way of Life

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# Stewardship is a way of life!

## Prayer

Spending time alone with God on a regular basis helps us to better understand God's grace working in our lives. We often don't realize that there are many ways to pray.

~Some people spend an hour a day in personal prayer, others only a few minutes.

~Personal prayer does not have to be structured or take a long time.

~Your personal prayer is just that – personal.

It is in a growing relationship with God that we come together to the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday.

## Participation

Ministry is supposed to be a team sport.

~Our parish has a multitude of ministries that are always in need of energetic parishioners willing to serve.

~By giving of your time and talents, it expresses your gratitude to the God who has given you these gifts.

~Review your current participation in ministry efforts here in our parish, our community at large and your family life.

Your participation is essential. After prayer reflection of the blessings and gifts God has bestowed upon you, consider your commitment to Stewardship.

## Generosity

Responding to a proven need is charity. Charity is important, but far less than true Stewardship. True Stewardship responds to a need in our hearts more than a need in our world. Your generous heart can make your church, your community and your world a much better place.

Consider gifts that are:

~The first funds set aside and thoughtfully planned

~A commitment – the same, recurring amounts

~Automatic deductions from your credit card

~Regularly reviewed – and increased or decreased as resources change

Good stewards often experience fewer conflicts about money and less concern for material goods.