

Becoming a Better Steward

Each day this week, choose a different stewardship area and mark your progress. Read the verses to get a sense of your boss' expectations. Identify a next action. Pray: ask the Lord for help.

Focus	Begin	Practice	Excel	Share
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Heart

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Matthew 12:35; Proverbs 27:19; Proverbs 4:23; Psalm 51:10, 17; 86:11

Body

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1Corinthians 6:19; 1Thessalonians 4:4; James 3:2; 1Timothy 4:8; 1Corinthians 9:27

Time

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Ephesians 5:15-17; Colossians 4:5; Psalm 90:12

Abilities

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1Corinthians 12:7; 1Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11-13; Galatians 2:20

Money

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Proverbs 3:9-10; 1Corinthians 16:1-2; 2Corinthians 9:7-8, 10-11; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 23:23; 1Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 12:16-21

Relationships

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John 13:34; Romans 12:9-21; Luke 6:37-38; Matthew 6:12; 18:21-22; Hebrews 12:14-15; Galatians 6:1-2; 1 Peter 3:7; 1 Peter 3:1; Colossians 4:5

Good News

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1Timothy 1:11; Colossians 1:25-26; 2Timothy 2:2; Ephesians 3:1-2; Titus 1:9; 1Peter 3:15; 2Timothy 2:15; Psalm 71:18

Planet

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Psalm 24:1; Genesis 2:15; 1:26, 28; Psalm 8:4-8; Proverbs 12:10; Numbers 35:33; Revelation 11:18

New Life Lessons
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“Responsible Stewardship”

Becoming the People God Wants Us to Be #3

What is “Responsible Stewardship”?

Knowing that all we have has been given by God, and that we are but mere "stewards and managers," we will become personally responsible to steward our resources well. We believe that biblical stewardship begins in our hearts as a loving intent, but extends through our hands in loving action. This will mean seeking to become good stewards of our time, our abilities, our money, our bodies, and our planet.

Key Stewardship Concepts

2013-05-17 “The Race that Really Matters” (Dave Vasquez)

Ownership: Relinquish ownership

Matthew 25:14 “The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.

Responsibility: Assume responsibility

Matthew 25:16 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.

Accountability: Anticipate accountability

Matthew 25:19 “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money

Reward: Welcome reward

Matthew 25:21 “His master replied, Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

Key Stewardship Areas

2011-10-23 “Marks of the Master” (Ron Salsbury)

Relationships • Influence • Gifts & Abilities • Time • Money • Body • Heart

Becoming Responsible Stewards

Step 1. Focus

"The successful man is the average man, focused." —Unknown

Matthew 25:14 He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone.

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it... Colossians 1:16

1Corinthians 6:20 ...you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

Deuteronomy 8:18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth...

2Corinthians 5:9 So we make it our goal to please him... Colossians 1:10-12

Focus is about saying, 'No.' —Steve Jobs

Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age...

Step 2. Begin

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Lao Tzu

Matthew 25:18 But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

Proverbs 24:32-33 I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

"Begin with the end in mind." — Stephen R. Covey

Heart (Proverbs 4:23); Body (1Corinthians 6:19); Time: (Ephesians 5:15-17); Abilities (1Peter 4:10); Money (Proverbs 3:9); Relationships (John 13:34); Gospel (Psalms 71:18); Planet (Genesis 2:15)

Proverbs 27:23 Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds...

Step 3. Practice

"No excellence can be achieved without constant practice."

—Lady Catherine

Matthew 15:16 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.

Hebrews 5:14 (NASB) But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Romans 12:13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Psalm 119:56 This has been my practice: I obey your precepts.

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up...

Step 4. Excel

"I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep on doing so until the end." — Abraham Lincoln

"Excellence is a habit." —Aristotle

1Corinthians 14:12 So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

2Corinthians 8:7 But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2Timothy 2:15 NASB Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 1Corinthians 9:24-27

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Galatians 6:9

Step 5. Share

2Timothy 2:1-2 You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.