

Stewardship Moments

June – December 2009

*Use these stewardship quotes to put in your bulletins,
project on your screen prior to worship, put in a newsletter
or post on your bulletin board.*

June 6

People for whom giving is a lifestyle have learned to live well within their means so that giving can be their first expense. They know how rich the rewards are and how deep the community is around people who give and give again. Their aptitude for giving extends to offering forgiveness and words of encouragement, creates legacies, strengthens families and neighbourhoods, and shines the light of Christ into the shadows.

Mark L. Vincent

June 13

Therefore, we have only one ministry: to serve God in every moment, wherever we are, whatever we are doing, as stewards of the gift of life itself.

John Westerhoff

June 21

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16 NRSV

June 28

Stewardship is not humanity's way of raising money, but rather God's way of raising people into the likeness of His Son.

Doug Carter

July 5

Many people give a tenth to God—a tenth of what they ought to give.

Anonymous

July 12

Giving provides both the opportunity and the vehicle for people to become a part of something bigger.

Herb Mather

July 19

Generosity consists not the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed.

Author Unknown

July 26

We are called by Christ and his church to carry the message of good news into our daily lives. How will our stewardship of this day unfold? Into what relationship, task, or fun will we carry this wonderful news? How can we take this daily gift of life and find a gentle application of Christ's love to build on the good news?

The Rev. Ronald L. Reed

August 2

The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving.

Albert Einstein

August 9

Whatever you spend is gone. What you keep, someone else gets.

What you give is yours forever.

Dr. Wil Rose

August 16

Everything we have is really loaned to us;

we can't take anything with us when we depart.

If we have no use for a thing, we should pass it on to someone else who can use it—now.

Norma S. Scholl

August 23

There never was any heart truly great and generous, that was not also tender and compassionate.

Robert Frost

August 30

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace

1 Peter 4:10 ESV

September 6

Jesus talked much about money. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions.

Howard L. Dayton, Jr.

September 13

A theology of giving seduces us into believing
that our 'gifts' to God are ours to begin with.

The truth is just the opposite. Everything we have is a trust from God. Everything.

Leonard Sweet

September 20

When we rely on property, possessions, material objects, and wealth, we make "things" or sovereign and place our trust in them rather than in the King of kings. Stewardship helps us to put first things first.

Canon David W. Crockett

September 27

I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.

Maya Angelou

October 4

Money is like manure – it should be spread around.
Brooke Astor, multimillionaire and philanthropist

October 11

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

October 18

Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Proverbs 3:9 NRSV

October 25

I have learned that people do not give out of what they have.
They give out of what they feel they have.

Kamila Blessing

November 1

So ... whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 NRSV

November 8

Every one of us can learn about money, about ourselves,
about God as we grow in our ability to be good stewards
of all that God has given us.

The Rt. Rev. C.L. Longest

November 15

Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity,
I know I am moving from fear to love.

Henri Nouwen

November 22

Each of you must give as you have made up your own mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion.

2 Corinthians 9:7 NRSV

November 29

Stewardship is not something we can put on or take off as the seasons change.
Stewardship, like faith, must be woven into the fabric of our lives.

Gregory Coulter

December 6

At its best, giving is an act of worship.

Cornelius J. Dyck, colonel under the command of Gen. George Washington

December 13

Lose yourself in generous service and every day can be
a most unusual day, a triumphant day, an abundantly rewarding day!

William Arthur Ward

December 20

Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:10b, 11 NRSV

December 27

Gratitude may move us to give,
but giving may also lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude.

Mary Jo Leddy