

## Stewardship Moments

Basic stewardship quotes to put in your bulletins, project on a screen prior to worship or post on a bulletin board.

June 1

To believe in one's own priesthood is to see the extraordinary dimensions of an ordinary life, to see the hand of God at work in the world and to see one's own hands as necessary to that work.

– Barbara Brown Taylor

June 8

Congregations that practice effective church finances keep first things first. They focus some of their very best creativity, leadership, and energies on advancing their mission.

– Kennon L. Callahan

June 15

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

– Herb Mather

June 22

When people place money in a church offering plate, they are not simply contributing to a cause; they are expressing deeply held beliefs. They are responding to a relationship with God.

– Donald W. Joiner

June 29

Stewardship is not just an opportunity to enter into God's service but an opportunity for God to enter into you.

– Herb Miller

July 6

God does not want you to give, but because you want to help God with what God is trying to get done in the world, not because you have read a rule in a holy book that says you have to do it or because you feel pressured by other people in your church to do it.

– Herb Miller

July 13

The wonderful thing about the purse is that it can help you be a better Christian. It can extend all your powers. The money can travel for you all around the world and do good. It can go where you do not have time to go personally. It can serve people you will never even be able to meet. It can serve a variety of causes although you could not possibly have time, strength, or energy to deal personally with all of them... It will become an instrument of God's holy purpose if you give it a chance, by dedicating it to Christ!

– Lowell H. Atkinson

July 20

Stewardship goes beyond philanthropy: A good steward has a greater responsibility than providing generous financial support for Christian charity. A good steward creates community. A good steward puts resources to work on God's behalf to bring the reconciliation God desires.

– Douglas John Hall

## Stewardship Moments Continued

July 27

It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving.  
– Richard Braunstein

August 3

I cannot think of a better definition of Christianity than that: give, give, give.  
– James I. McCord

August 10

The worship offering [is] a pure gift to God in thankfulness for what we have already received. It should therefore be an exciting and major part of the service.  
– Lynn A. Miller

August 17

The world asks, 'What does a man own?' Christ asks, 'How does he use it?'  
– Andrew Murray

August 24

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.  
– 1 Peter 4:10 NRSV

August 31

God has given us two hands – one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.  
– Billy Graham

## New Stewardship Resources

These two new preaching resources from David N. Mosser connect Scripture to stewardship and will help you incorporate stewardship into your sermons all year long.

Available from The Book Room

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*The Stewardship Companion: Lectionary Resources for Preaching* \$21.25

This comprehensive resource pulls out stewardship themes for each Sunday using the three-year lectionary cycle. One Scripture passage from each Sunday is highlighted with a page of reflection on the stewardship themes in that passage. A great resource to incorporate stewardship into services based on the lectionary.

*Stewardship Services: Just in Time* \$10.50

This short booklet provides worship material for twenty-four services highlighting different stewardship themes. Calls to worship, invocations, pastoral prayers, prayers of dedication and sermon briefs will help you incorporate stewardship theology into the entire worship service. Each service focuses on one passage of Scripture, but an index at the back helps you quickly find other Scripture passages referenced in a book - a helpful tool for using ideas from this book with lectionary passages.

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