

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of *Stewardship* to the congregation

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Tithing is part of the larger principle that followers of Jesus know as Christian stewardship. Tithing is important, but is only one part of that broader concept. The idea of Christian stewardship, in contrast to the tithe, includes three basic principles: *God is the owner of all of life; each individual is a steward of all that God has entrusted to us; and, each person must give an accounting of their stewardship.*

It is important for those who tithe to clearly perceive the relationship of their regular giving to the rest of the dedication that they make to God. It has nevertheless been true that others, as they have practiced the stewardship of their money, have felt the urgent need to dedicate their talents and their lives to God, as well.

They are also concerned about how they use their time. The days and years at their disposal is a sacred trust. They are stewards of time as long as they live. People in the 21st century are aware of the significance of time as never before in human history. The idea that this is a leisurely and unhurried existence has been replaced by a rush to accomplish everything immediately, as if there might not be a tomorrow in which to do it.

As part of their stewardship, tithers will also be concerned with the total impact of their lives upon others. They will recognize that their influence should be extended to help make a more Christian world!

Prayer: Dear Lord, please give me the strength to be a good steward of your grace, dedicating my time, talents and treasure to your work. **Amen**

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