

Stewardship 101

**SAILING THE
STEWARD SHIP**



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Part One

Hoisting the Anchor



Definition

A Christian Steward is one who receives God's gifts *gratefully*, cherishes and tends them in a *responsible* manner, *shares* them in justice and love with others, and *returns* them with increase to the Lord. (Stewardship: A Disciples Response)



What does this mean?

A Christian Steward is one who receives God's
gifts *gratefully*,

GRATITUDE



cherishes and tends them in a *responsible* manner,

RESPONSIBILITY



shares them in justice and love with others,

GENEROSITY



and *returns* them with increase to the Lord.

ACCOUNTABILITY



STEWARDSHIP IS...

*Choosing to live a life of:
Gratitude, Responsibility,
Generosity & Accountability*





*Stewardship
acknowledges
God as owner of
all material
goods and the
giver of time
and talent to
every person.*



Stewardship is a complete lifestyle which covers every aspect of our lives.



*Stewardship
asks us to
assess our
gifts and
make a
decision on
what parts
will be the
“first fruits”
we return to
God.*



*Stewardship involves a
change of heart and
personal behavior.*



Stewardship implies that we give, not because we feel obligated, but because we are grateful to God.



Stewardship is NOT:

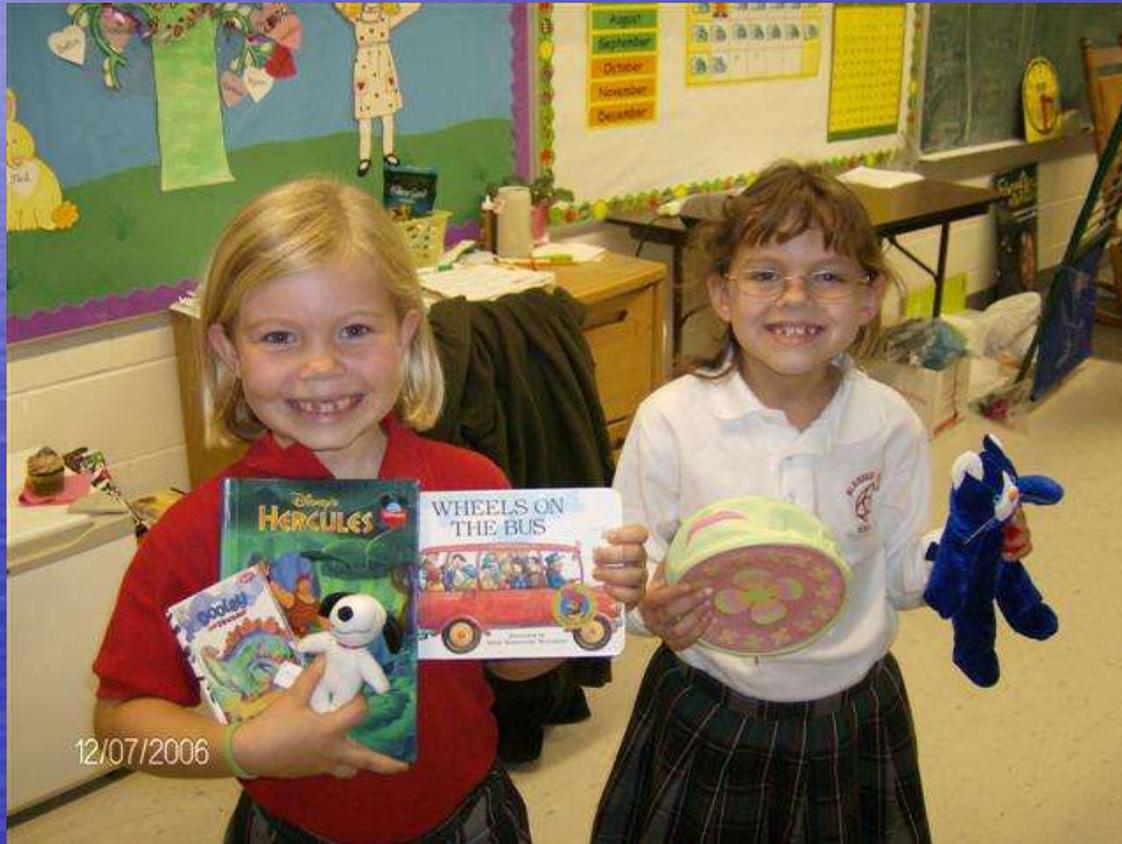
Materialistic

Individualistic

The Norm in our Society



Stewardship brings joy since we are freed from an over-attachment to things of the world.



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Part Two

Setting Sail



How do we put the concepts
of gratitude, responsibility,
generosity, and accountability
into action?

Three words...

TIME

TALENT

TREASURE



Time

Time spent reflecting on the presence of God in our lives.

Talent

Using the gifts/skills/talents I have to serve God.

Treasure ...

Tithing our “first fruits” of our harvest. The standard is giving 10% of our annual gross income to Charity.



Let's talk about

Time

We are responsible for ALL of our time. EVERYTHING we do should be God-Centered.

Then we should set aside some time that is only devoted to God.

God-Centered Time

Examples include...

Prayer & Worship

- Sunday Mass
- Adoration Chapel
- Personal and Group Bible Study
- Personal and Family Prayer (*Pause During Work Time to Pray*)

Family Time (Meals without TV, Date with spouse, etc.)



Time Analysis

How many hours a week do we spend

- Working?
- Sleeping?
- Eating?
- Worshiping?
- Driving?
- Watching TV?
- Talking on the phone?
- Using the computer?
- Housework?
- Yardwork?
- Praying?
- Focused Family Time?

When we are doing all of these activities....

Are they God-Centered?

Let's talk about

Talent

Examples include...

Preparing a Meal for your
family

Leading Scouts

Sorting Clothing at Brother's
Keeper

Singing in the Choir

Bereavement Committee



Talent Analysis

- Singing
- Cooking
- Organizing
- Listening
- Understanding of Youth
- Painting
- Typing/Computer Skills
- Answering Phones
- Choir
- Bereavement
- Event Planner
- Lifeteen Core Team
- Receptionist
- Church Decorating
- Creating Banners
- Welcome Committee

Let's talk about

Treasure

10% tithe to Charity

***Suggested 8% to the
Church and the remaining
2% to other charities.***



Treasure Analysis

Everything we “own” is God’s and everything we earn is God’s because He has given us the ability. Giving back 10% is the directive given us in scripture.

Tithing is the most successful and least stressful when it is the first check written each week. When you feel God has been given an ample measure of your thanks. Everything else falls into place.

- Gross Income x .10 = _____
- ÷ 52 = _____per week

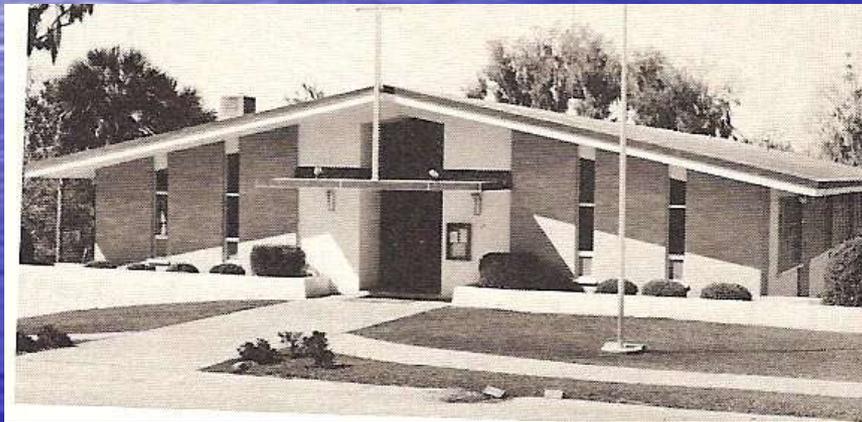
HISTORY OF BLESSED TRINITY



St. Philip Neri-1889



**Blessed Trinity Church-
1930**



- **Blessed Trinity Church-
1959**



- **Blessed Trinity Church-
1974**

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Part Three

Navigating the High Seas



Challenges Living the Stewardship Way of Life

Time

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Talent

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Treasure

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1. List your challenges
2. Make the decision if you want to overcome them
3. Create an action plan

PLAN OF ACTION

PRAY-

*Where does God fit
into my life?*

*Where do I want God
in my life?*

*How can I put God
first in my life?*



PLAN OF ACTION



STUDY LIFESTYLE

*"What can I change
in my life to get
my time
more God-
centered?"*

PLAN OF ACTION

STUDY MINISTRY BOOKLET

*What do I like to
do?*

*How can it fit into a
ministry?*

*Who do I want to
call first?*



PLAN OF ACTION

LOOK AT FINANCIAL SITUATION

“What is my response this week?”

“What percentage is that?”

“Where do I want to be in six months?”

*****Remember...choose a place to start...many have to work toward the 10% goal.***

Review

As you leave today you should:

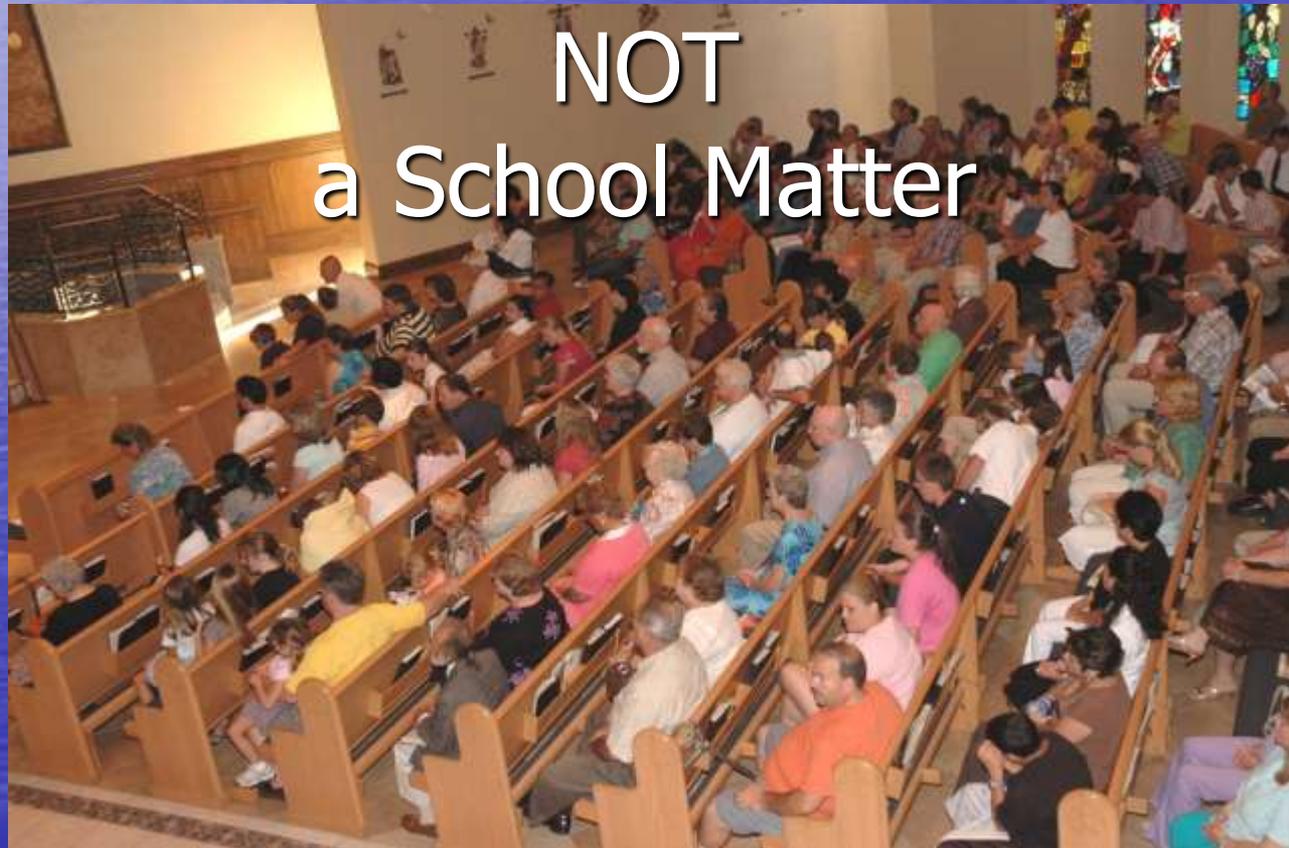
- Understand what stewardship is.
- Be able to form an action plan to enhance your relationship with God.

Annual responsibilities for Stewardship Families

- Make a prayerful annual commitment during November Renewal.
- Attend a Stewardship Verification Meeting in February.
- Remain faithful to what you have committed to doing.
- Communicate with the Parish Office if life situations change.



Living the Stewardship Way of Life
is a
Church Matter
NOT
a School Matter



Blessed Trinity...A Community of Disciples Living the Stewardship Way of Life.

