

# Stewardship Principles

## 1. God's Stewards are God's Stewards.

By virtue of our creation and re-creation in Holy Baptism; we belong to the Lord.

(Genesis 1:1; Is. 43:1; Romans 6:4; II Corinthians 5:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-10)

## 2. God's Stewards are Managers, NOT Owners.

We have been entrusted with life and life's resources and have been given the Privilege of responsible and joyful management for Him.

(Genesis 2:15; Psalm 24:1; I Chronicles 29:14; II Corinthians 8:5; Luke 12:48b; I Timothy 6:17-19)

## 3. God's Stewards are Saints and Sinners.

We rejoice in and live out what the Lord has declared us to be through the cross.

We also recognize that we are sinners who fight sin and its consequences.

(Ephesians 4:22-24; Romans 7:21-25; I John 3:1-2; I Peter 2:9-10)

## 4. God's Stewards are uniquely Singular, yet profoundly Plural.

We recognize that our lives are not solo performances but are personal responses to God, lived out within the community of faith to benefit the world.

(Romans 12:4-5; I Corinthians 12:12-13; I Peter 4:10; II Corinthians 8:13-14; Galatians 6:10)

## 5. God's Stewards are IN the World, but not OF the World.

We recognize that the Lord sets us apart from the world and by the transforming power of the Gospel sends us into the world to live out the Gospel.

(Romans 12:2; John 17:15-18; Genesis 12:1-3; John 16:33)

## 6. God's Stewards are Loved and Loving.

We recognize that our stewardship flows out of God's acts of love for us in Christ, which empowers us to love others in acts of Christ-like love.

(I John 4:19; I John 3:16-18; John 13:34-35; II Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 5:6b)

## 7. God's Stewards are Served and Serving.

We recognize that our stewardship involves a Gospel-powered style of life, which is demonstrated in servant-hood within all the arenas of life.

(Philippians 2:5-8; Matthew 20:26b-28; John 13:3-5, 15-17)

## 8. God's Stewards live with an Awareness of the Present and Future, of Time and Eternity.

We recognize that we live intentionally in the light of the Lord's eternal purpose while being firmly committed to His rule in the here and now.

(Matthew 6:19-21; I Timothy 6:17-19; Philippians 3:12-14, 20; II Peter 3:11-12a; Revelation 14:13)

What is Christian Stewardship? It is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.