



Stewardship

is the grateful response
of a Christian disciple
who recognizes and receives God's
gifts and
shares these gifts
in love of God and neighbor.

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“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since “no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord.”

Pope Francis The Joy of the Gospel - Evangelii Gaudium #3

the *Stewardship* way of life

MY PERSONAL PLAN TO GROW AS A
Christian Disciple

How are you being called to deepen your spiritual life? What has God asked of you? Is He calling you to something different? Is He calling you to something more?

Use this guide for ideas and suggestions to help you discern the answers to these questions.

Growing in PRAYER (time)

In a busy society like ours, time is one of the most precious possessions we have. How we spend our time is perhaps the clearest indication of our progress in a life of Christian discipleship. In order for our friendship with God to thrive, we must set aside time every day to pray.

In order to grow in prayer, I plan to:

- Place God first in my life, and not let other priorities crowd out my time with God
- Participate actively during Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation by
 - arriving early for Mass
 - reading the scriptures before Mass
 - serving as a Liturgical minister
 - spend meaningful time in prayer individually, communally and/or with my family each day by:
 - Reading the Bible or daily readings
 - Praying at meals, even in restaurants
 - Praying with and for my family
 - Praying the Rosary
 - Lectio Divina (reading and reflecting on scriptures)

Set aside time to grow in my relationship with Jesus by:

- Participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Attending daily Mass
- Attending First Friday Adoration
- Studying the Catholic faith with others
- Reading Catholic books/materials
- Cultivating the fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. (Galatians 5:22)
- Refrain from gossip, complaining
- Pray for vocations: Priesthood, Religious Life, married life
- Invite a friend or neighbor to Mass and/or parish event

Growing in SERVICE (talent)

Our talents are special blessings that each of us has received from a loving Creator. When we share our talents and gifts, we are giving something of ourselves, an intimate sharing of “who we are” for the good of others.

In order to grow in service, I plan to:

Make an effort to understand, develop and use my God-given gifts and talents

Share my gifts and talents with:

- my family and friends
- parish ministries
- charitable organizations outside of my parish

Practice corporal works of mercy by:

- Reaching out to someone who lives alone, or is homebound or incarcerated by visiting, sending a card or calling
- Feeding the hungry (ex: opportunities with our local organizations: 4 C's, Share the Table, St. Joseph Food Pantry, Diaper & baby items, Community Holiday Assistance Program (CHAP))
- Helping to build a house for Habitat for Humanity
- Volunteer at a charitable organization

Growing in GENEROSITY (treasure)

Each of us has a responsibility to support the Church and to contribute generously to the building up of the Body of Christ. Give from the heart as a faith response as generous stewards.

In order to grow in generosity, I plan to:

- Recognize that my financial and material possessions are gifts from God
- Make a distinction between my wants and needs
- Be generous in love and mercy to my family and friends
- Present God the “first fruits” by:
 - Contributing generously to my parish, responding as a disciple
 - Donating generously to other nonprofit organizations
 - Incrementally increasing my offerings to the parish

Notes to add to my personal plan:
