

Prayer Guide for Stewardship

Seeking Wisdom and Grace for Managing God's Gifts

Introduction

Stewardship is the practice of managing the resources, talents, time, and opportunities entrusted to us by God. No matter the gift God brings into our lives, stewardship invites us to act faithfully and generously. This prayer guide is intended to help us seek God in one or more areas of stewardship through his Word, prayer and practice.

Invocation

Our Lord, and our God. Be close to us now, and help us to love you and to love others without restraint managing all of the affairs of our lives through the lens of your Kingdom here on earth. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Wisdom in Stewardship

Ask God for wisdom to discern how best to use the gifts and resources he has provided to us, moving us toward more generosity, responsibility, and gratitude.

Financial Stewardship

Seek God to help us grow in faithfulness and help us manage our finances to be able to support the ministries of FUMC.

Stewardship of Time

Life is a precious gift, and time is fleeting. We seek help in understanding how to use each moment well, balancing family obligations, work, rest, service, and play. May our days reflect God's love and purpose.

Stewardship of Talents and Gifts

God has uniquely gifted each of us for his glory. Show us how to develop and share our talents with humility and joy. Empower us to serve our church and community, the way Jesus did. May we not hide our gifts but rather use them to further your kingdom.

Community and Relational Stewardship

We are all connected to God first and then to each other. Ask God to teach us how to invest time, patience, and caring into the people we influence as well as the people we would like to be an encouragement too. Help us nurture the gifts of relationships.

Practices to Support Stewardship Prayer

- Begin each day by thanking God for the blessings he has given.
- Set aside regular time for reflection on how you are managing your resources.
- Invite God into decision-making about gifts, time, and talents.
- Pray for opportunities to serve others.
- Perhaps you may want to journal your prayers and answers as you begin a new journey in stewardship.

Stewardship is an ongoing journey of faith, a time to take one step further in our practice in following Jesus. Utilizing prayer, and inviting God into the process helps to grow in our ability to manage the gifts God has provided and to cultivate a deeper relationship with God as we seek to become a more faithful steward.

Stewardship Scriptures Daily Reading

- Monday 1 Corinthians 4:1-7
- Tuesday 1 Corinthians 4:8-13
- Wednesday 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- Thursday 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4
- Friday Luke 12:35-40
- Saturday Luke 12:41-48
- Sunday 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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