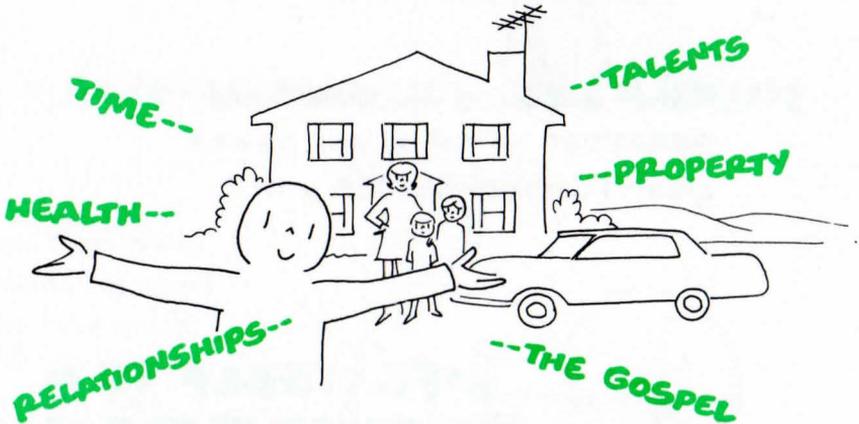


STEWARDSHIP and YOU



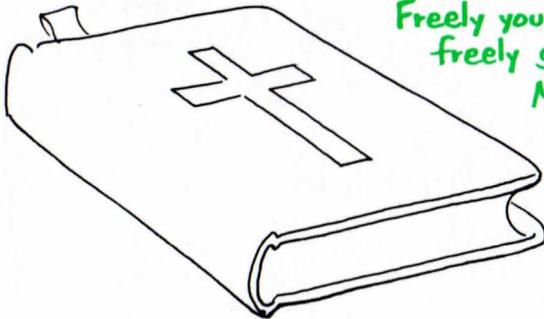
How to use your
TIME, HEALTH,
TALENTS,
RELATIONSHIPS,
PROPERTY
and the GOSPEL
in a partnership
with God.

EVERYTHING we have



is given to us by **GOD**

A Christian steward serves **GOD**
out of love and gratitude for these gifts
knowing that it's **NOT** how much we have but
what we **DO** with **WHAT WE HAVE**
that is important.



Freely you have received;
freely give.
Matt. 10:8

What is
a
STEWARD
?

One definition states that a **STEWARD** is a person who manages the affairs of a household or an estate for the owner.

In the
CHRISTIAN
sense--



--a steward is the
MANAGER of the **AFFAIRS**
of **GOD** on earth.

**GOD HAS MADE
EACH OF US A
STEWARD** --and has
given us **ABILITIES** and
TALENTS that are unique
for each of us to use in
that work.





STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

When God gives us **LIFE**, we don't know how much **TIME** we have to use that life.



But whatever time we have is a **GIFT FROM GOD** and we must use it **WISELY**, in every activity throughout the day.

We must budget our hours so that we are able to **GIVE OF OUR TIME** to fulfill God's plan.





HUMAN LIFE is the **FIRST** and **GREATEST** gift of all and carries great **RESPONSIBILITIES** with it.

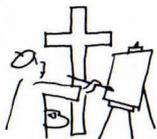


LIFE ITSELF IS A STEWARDSHIP

As Christians we know that our lives are sacred trusts.

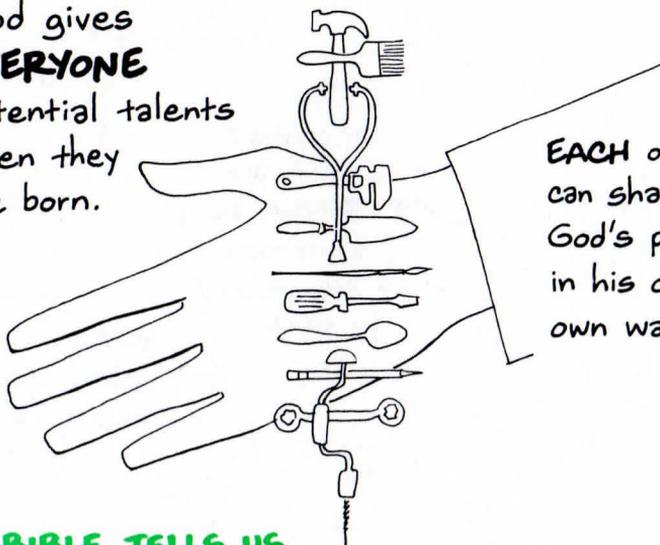


We are the stewards of those lives; God depends on us to use them to accomplish God's purposes.



STEWARDSHIP OF TALENTS

God gives
EVERYONE
potential talents
when they
are born.



EACH of US
can share in
God's plan
in his or her
own way.

THE BIBLE TELLS US

that if we use our talents wisely, we will
be better able to use them and will
develop others--but if we don't,
we may lose even those
we do have.



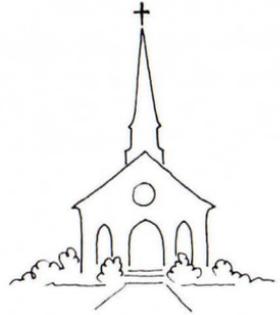


STEWARDSHIP OF HEALTH

of BODY and MIND

God gave human beings superior minds-- to be used to fullest capacity in discovering God's plan, in understanding self and others.

We were also given bodies in which to accomplish God's work-- bodies to be treated with respect (taken care of), not abused (harmed).



**WE PRESENT
our BODIES and
we RENEW our
MINDS as
OFFERINGS
to GOD.**



STEWARDSHIP OF THE GOSPEL



As Christian stewards, we have been given three ways to exercise our partnership:

① TO RECEIVE the GOSPEL

We experience the Gospel as an act of faith in God.



② TO SHARE the GOSPEL

We bring God's message into the world, that all who believe in God will have Eternal Life.



③ TO REFLECT the GOSPEL

We show others by our daily living how we accept our responsibilities as Christians.





STEWARDSHIP OF RELATIONSHIPS



Our relationships with others are a **GIFT FROM GOD** and a measure of our stewardship for GOD.

AT HOME

providing Christian education for our children, living and growing together as a family.



AT WORK

showing our fellow workers the example of Christian behavior and supportive "caring."



IN CHURCH

participating with others in worship, projects, forming friendships.



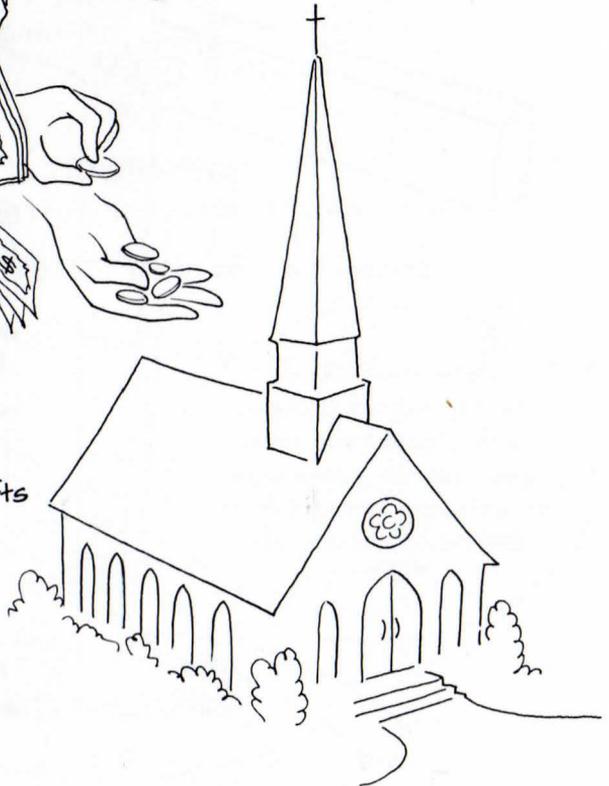
In appreciation, we choose to share a portion of these gifts.

The stewardship of our property is an ongoing process.

We give regularly and systematically in proportion to the gifts which we are given. . .

...the talents which earn us our possessions.

Because we love God, we gladly dedicate these gifts to God's service, and give a worthy portion for the care of people in need.

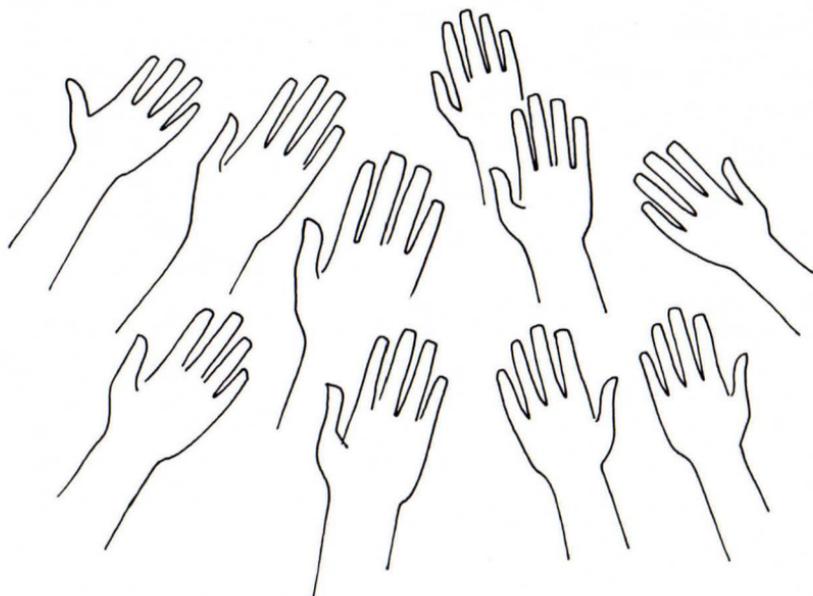


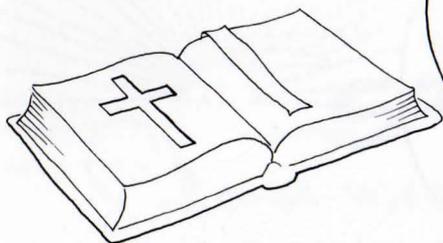


STEWARDSHIP OF PROPERTY

We bring nothing into this world...
and we take nothing out of it.

EVERYTHING that we have
while we are here comes as a
GIFT FROM GOD...





HOW MUCH
should I
give
?

The Bible says that we should set aside our "first fruits" -- that our offering to God should be the first portion we set aside, not what remains.



Some people give by **PROPORTION**:

for example: \$1 per week for every \$1000 of annual income.

Others set aside a **PERCENTAGE** of their income

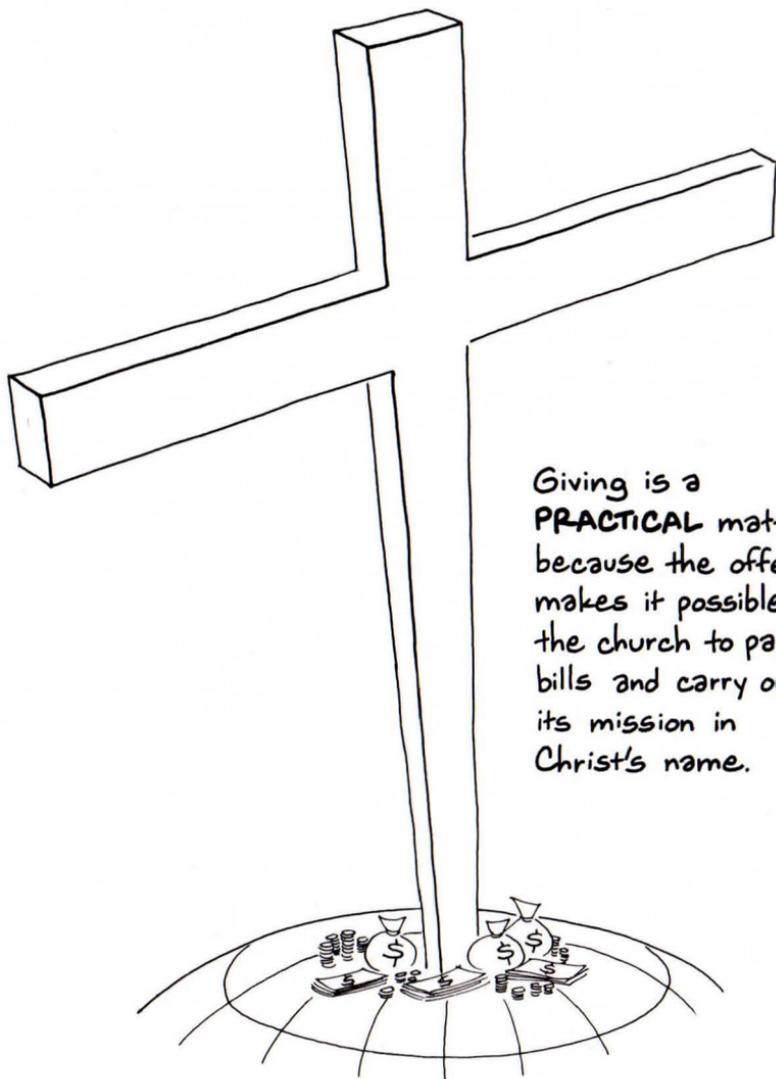
WEEKLY INCOME	3%	5%	8%	10%	15%
\$100	3 ⁰⁰	5 ⁰⁰	8 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰	15 ⁰⁰
\$150	4 ⁵⁰	7 ⁵⁰	12 ⁰⁰	15 ⁰⁰	22 ⁵⁰
\$200	6 ⁰⁰	10 ⁰⁰	16 ⁰⁰	20 ⁰⁰	30 ⁰⁰
\$250	7 ⁵⁰	12 ⁵⁰	20 ⁰⁰	25 ⁰⁰	37 ⁵⁰

The Old Testament guideline for giving was the tithe (usually 1/10). How close do you come to the giving expected of the early Christians

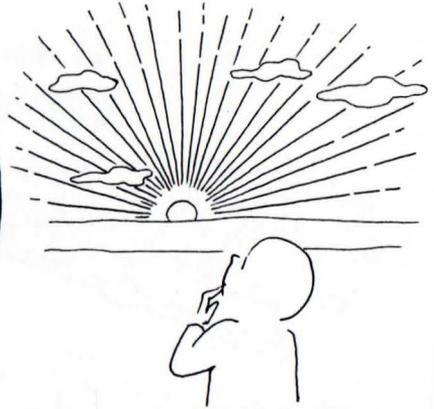
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Giving money to the church is
a **SYMBOLIC ACT**
--the offering of ourselves in
service and devotion to God.

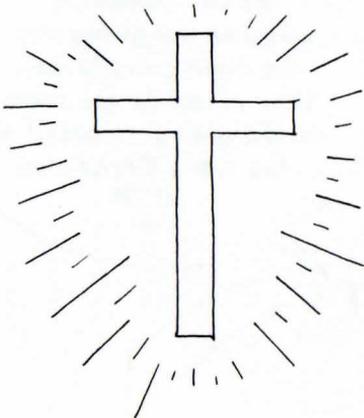


What
are the
REWARDS
for
stewardship
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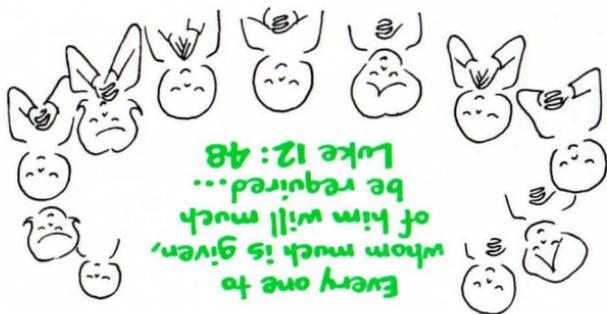


WE SEEK NO "REWARDS"
for our stewardship; we do it with
the **JOY OF SERVING GOD.**

Yet we know that God
does reward stewards by
filling their needs in life;
by giving new opportunities
to care, to share, to participate
in the wholeness of life.

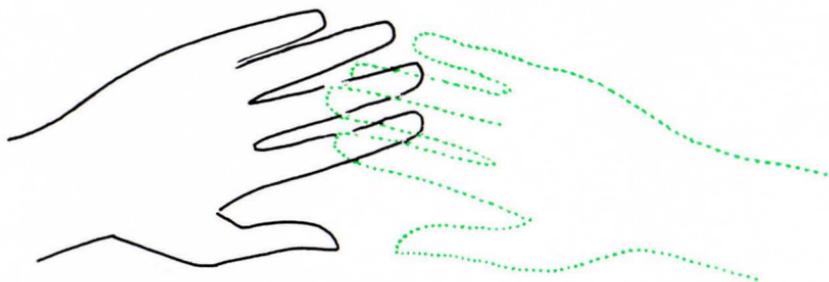


Stewardship is the
responsibility of the Christian
life, making our prayers,
worship, study of the Scriptures,
Christian action truly
SINCERE.



EACH OF US CAN LIVE AS GOD'S STEWARD

We cannot "give" anything to God;
but we can "fulfill" God by using our
gifts wisely and sharing with others.



OUR WHOLE LIFE is a partnership with God

So...

