



“What is ‘Stewardship’?”

Stewardship is one of those words you don’t hear tossed around too often outside of church (with the possible exception of environmental issues). So it was not surprising to hear someone ask what “stewardship” means when I mentioned the word in a recent Bible study.

“Stewardship” simply means “Taking care of something entrusted to you - good, wise care.” In the church we use it to refer to our privilege (and challenge) of taking care of all the things God has entrusted to us. And when God tells us in Psalm 24:1 “The Earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” that means we are stewards (“Caretakers”) of pretty much everything on Earth. None of it is ours to do with as we please. All of it belongs to God, and He has chosen us to take care of it - good, wise care!

This “stewardship” task is the most basic “job” that God has given us to do since the very beginning. Right away in Genesis chapter 2 we read: “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Since “stewardship” is our basic job, it’s always good to take a look at the specifics of the job description. During the season of Lent we will focus on some of the major things God has given us to take good, wise care of: There will be the typical stewardship topics of “Time, Talent and Treasure,” but there’s a lot more. Like our Testimony about Jesus; our Temple (In 1 Corinthians God reminds those who believe in Jesus: “Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.”); Our Families (yeah, I know, “family” doesn’t start with “T.”)

Please plan to join us the Sundays during Lent for a review of your basic job description: “Stewardship: Taking good, wise care of what God has entrusted to you.”

Thanks for asking,
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