



STEWARDSHIP
—LORD, TEACH ME HOW TO LIVE—

Father, we praise you for the world that you have given us. We thank you for creating us in your image and likeness each with our own unique and varying talents. We thank you for the gift of our time and free will to discern our path.

We thank you for the gift of each other to share our ability to love and to be loved.

Most of all, we thank you for the gift of your Son who came to show us the way to your Kingdom.

Almighty Father, please send your Holy Spirit to stimulate my desire to seek your will. May I joyfully share my God-given time and gifts to help spread the Good News of your Son and gain entrance to the Kingdom of God. Amen

Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourself at the service of others.

1Peter 4:10

As Christian Stewards, we are called to be:

Stewards of All Creation

God has given us the responsibility of caring for all the world and its life forms by:

- *Respecting human life, especially the very young and the very old*
- *Protecting and nurturing the lives of animals*
- *Preserving the wonder of our plants and environment*

Stewards of our Vocation

We have been blessed with opportunities to make the world a better place through the challenge of work – a noble human effort. Our work is always in partnership with God whether physical labor, the trades and professions or the arts and sciences. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan. We must be certain we hear and understand God's call for our life.

Stewards of Our Time and Talents

We each have the same daily amount of time and God gives us total control over how we spend it. We are blessed with varying talents, but we are called to share them with others. Sharing our time and talents makes a difference in the lives of others.

Stewards of our Church

We are called to carry out the mission of the Church...proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying. All members of the church have their own roles to play: parents who nurture their children in the light of faith, parishioners who work to make their parishes true communities of faith; Catholics who provide service to others in time, prayers and financial support.