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## Stewardship Journal

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## Lesson 1: We are Called to Follow Jesus

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path - Psalm 119: 105

## **Stewardship:**

# Using TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE to build God's Kingdom on Earth

#### Today's Activity:

Using the materials your teacher has given you, choose your favorite saint. Identify the way your saint honored God in their life.



#### Disciple: One who follows

Identify ways you can honor God through a life of praise and loving service.

## **Lesson 2: Disciples as Stewards**

Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. -Matthew 4:20

God has blessed you with many gifts and talents.

Remember, Christ has no hands but yours... how can Christ use your hands to build His Kingdom?

#### As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. -1 Peter 4:10

Journal to yourself on the following three questions:

1. Where can I help?

2. What are the needs here?

3. What difference can I—me, specifically me, make with what I have to offer—what difference can I make?

## **Lesson 3: Stewards of Creation**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day, having created man, God said to him, 'I have worked heretofore, now you shall continue.

#### How can you care for and cultivate the world using:

- Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- Respect for human life—shielding life from threat and assault, doing everything that can be done to enhance this gift and make life flourish; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort "work." Work is a fulfilling human vocation.

#### Today's Activity:

DAY 1	Day 2	DAY 3
DAY 4	Day 5	Day 6

## Lesson 4: Stewards of Vocation

Here I am. You called me.

#### **Today's Activity:**

What do you think your role could be in today's Church? How can you use your gifts to build God's Kingdom on Earth?

#### Make a weekly schedule: The Stewardship of Time

- How much time to you give to God (go to class, study the Bible, Catholic beliefs, or pray)?
- How much time do you spend playing, or exercising?
- How much time do you spend watching TV? On the computer/iPad/iPhone/internet?
- How much time do you spend doing volunteer work?
- What do you spend the rest of your time doing?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	<ul> <li>The Two Great Commandments</li> <li>1. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all you heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.</li> <li>2. Love your neighbor as your self.</li> </ul>

#### Lesson 5: Stewards of the Church

There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. -1Corinthians 12: 6

#### **Today's Activity:**

- Journal on the following:
  - How can parents nurture their children in the light of faith?
  - How can our school/parish community work to make their communities stronger sources of faith and service to the larger community;
  - How can all Catholics give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs?
  - How can the universal Church use its gifts to build God's Kingdom on Earth.



Label the diagram at the left and indicate how you can be a part of the Body of Christ. (example: mouth – preaching the word of God)

Label the diagram at the right and indicate how the Church can be a part of the Body of Christ. (example: parent - raise a Child in the faith)



## **Lesson 6: Obstacles to Stewardship**

## We know that all things work for good for those who love God... -Romans 8:28

#### Today's Activity:

Using your own time, talents and treasures how can you live out the following Beatitudes.

- Blessed are the poor in spirit...
- Blessed are they who mourn...
- Blessed are the meek...
- Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness...
- Blessed are the merciful...
- Blessed are the pure of heart...
- Blessed are the peacemakers...
- Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness...

I pledge to live my life according to my conscience, the commandments, the Beatitudes, and all that Jesus teaches us through the Church.

## Lesson 7: A Stewards Way

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our "May it be done to me according to your word." Luke 1: 38

darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you *not* to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people will not feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone and as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give others permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Marianne Williamson

How will you use your God-given talents to support our world and our Church?

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE	
I recognize that God has blessed me with many unique and marvelous gifts. I am grateful for these gifts, and I will live an attitude of gratitude. I will show God my love and appreciation by using these gifts in his and others' service	
I pledge to use my unique gifts of:	
In order answer God's call to serve. I know this life I choose may not always be easy, but I know the joy that I will create and receive will make a difference.	
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