

**The basic principle of Christian Stewardship is that  
*EVERYTHING* we have is a Gift from God**

In gratitude for God's generosity, we dedicate a portion of these gifts,  
our time, talent and treasure to furthering God's Kingdom.

If we truly believe that God gives us all that we have:

**gratitude** is one response,

**trust** is another response.

When we realize that **God has provided for us**,  
and continues to do so each and every day,  
we recognize that our **real security** lies only in God,  
**not in ourselves**, not in anyone, or anything else.

Stewardship emphasizes the basic need of each individual to share their God-given gifts in response to God's call. Through our baptism, and through the scriptures we are encouraged, enticed and invited by God to share our gifts by sharing our time, talents and treasure with others.

The Hebrew Scriptures prescribes the tithe, or ten percent, as the measure of our giving, but Jesus goes far beyond the tithe. Jesus sets as our measurement to give of our want, not our surplus. We are to return to God "off the top" not just the "leftovers." God comes first. Jesus calls our attention to the poor widow in the Gospel who places her few coins in the treasury. Jesus tells us that she gave all that she had. The lesson is that Jesus doesn't want just part of me. He wants all of me.

A member of a parish, giving her testimony about stewardship, stated,

*"What GOD asks us to do is to give according to the ways He has already given.*

*If He gives you a little—give Him back a little.*

*If He gives you much—give Him back much.*

*It is only fair—He understands."*

**Does our sharing of our time, talents and treasure reflect the level of our  
GRATITUDE to God and our TRUST in God?**

**Pondering How You Can Share your Time / Talents / Treasures with  
your Pax Christi Community ??????**

*Turn this page over for a current list of our needs in all three areas .....*

## ~ *Current Parish Needs* ~

### *Stewardship of Time*

- *Adult Volunteers for Summer Church Camp*
- *Adorers in our Adoration Chapel*
- *Interfaith Hospitality Network Volunteers*
- *Parents to serve on our Children's Advisory Board*
- *Eucharistic Ministers at 5:15 Mass*
- *Volunteers for our Nursery During Masses this Summer*
- *Adult leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word this Summer*
- *Drivers to provide rides to parishioners at 9:00 and 10:45 am*
- *Volunteers to help clean the church on Monday am after mass*
- *Pray for our homebound parishioners, youth, and new graduates*

### *Stewardship of Talent*

- *Wood workers for our faith formation projects*
- *Rosary Makers*
- *People to Knit / Crochet Prayer Shawls* (daytime group now meeting as well as evening group)

### *Stewardship of Treasures*

- *Washing Machine (contact Parish Administrator, Amy Moore)*
- *Supplies for Summer Church Camp—(see bulletin board in church)*

Please see the bulletin for details on these needs, or  
Contact the Parish Office at 282-8542 and we will gladly put you in  
touch with the ministry co-ordinators.

*ABUNDANT BLESSINGS*