

# **Spirituality of Stewardship**

## **Six Ways to be More Faithful Stewards**

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#### **1) Prayer**

- a. In order for us to be more faithful stewards we must pray for the Spirit of Generosity.
- b. In order to become a more generous person in person, it is important that we ask God in prayer to help us be more generous.
- c. Pray that we can put aside our selfishness and that would be more empathetic to the needs of others.

#### **2) Hospitality**

- a. We are called to be hospitable.
- b. Being hospitable is an enriching art that demonstrates that giving is better than receiving.
- c. Hospitality is a mindset, a way of life in which we try to receive others.

#### **3) Offer Loving Service**

- a. When you give to another person you are in an essence admitting that you have an understanding the grand scheme of human kind.
- b. You are living on level beyond selfishness, beyond greed, beyond your personal needs.
- c. Service to others is about giving something that no other human on Earth can possible give but you. It is about finding what is rare and divine in your soul that you are willing to give and share with the world.
- d. Each and every one of us has been given gifts to make this world a better place to live, to play, to grow and to pray.
- e. To become a giving person it will be more important to cultivate this sense of empathy.

#### **4) Act Justly**

- a. We are called as faithful stewards to act justly.
- b. Acting just can be best demonstrated by not remaining silent in the face of hatred, discrimination and injustice.
- c. Seeking out those in need of love, comfort and healing.
- d. Showing concern for the poor, the prisoner and the oppressed.
- e. Offering forgiveness.
- f. Making real and relevant the words of the Nicene Creed. It is the embodiment of “We believe in that the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life” and become people who give life and hope to lifeless places and people and situations that we encounter.
- g. We act justly when make possible the Gospel call to love as we are loved.

### **5) Give From Your Resources**

- a. Those who live and give generously are open hearted and alert to find people who are struggling, hurting or in pain.
- b. They empathize that for those whose world is difficult they enjoy trying to make better.
- c. The mind of those who give generously, are always thinking about creative ways to bless and encourage in both great and small ways.
- d. They are consciously engaged in their world and in the lives of those around them, poised to show generosity to anyone whenever the opportunity presents itself.

### **6) Be Present to Those in Need**

- a. One of the greatest gifts we can give to another person is just to be present, especially in their time of need.
- b. Being present means that you hear beyond the spoken words, it means hearing the essence of what someone is saying and noticing the feelings behind those words.
- c. When we listen deeply, we are truly present with the other person.
- d. Your mind is free of any judgements or thoughts of the future.
- e. You can let go of beliefs and prejudice you made about that other person, not analyzing or trying to figure things out, but simply being present and generous to the other person.
- f. We are blessed!