

A Theology of Stewardship

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Key Question

“How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he had done for me?” Psalm 116:12

Five Convictions Regarding Stewardship

1. Stewardship consists of four tasks

Receive God’s gifts GRATEFULLY

Nurture God’s gifts RESPONSIBLY

Share God’s gifts CHARITABLY

Return God’s gifts ABUNDANTLY



2 Stewardship has tremendous power to change your life!

“Steward-disciples recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are...They are grateful for what they have received and are eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another.” –USCCB pastoral letter on stewardship

3. Stewardship is inclusive! It is demanding! It is joy-filled!!!

We are called to be stewards of:



Our bodies

Our technology

Our family-friends

Our history

Our earth

Our minds

Our decisions

Our arts

Our emotions

Our money

Our cities

Our Soul

4. Prayer is central to Stewardship.

5. Stewardship demands that we SEE and then ACT as Jesus did.

“His (Jesus) is a vision of a world in which people are more concerned with giving than with having, with sharing than with possessing, with serving than with being served; where each is valued for what he or she is rather than what they have...” (Michael Mayne’s Prayer, Love, Remember, 33)