

8/12/04: e-mailed this to all parishes with the suggestion they copy it for their Sunday bulletin. I also put in the mailbox for those parishes without e-mail.  
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## **Our Stewardship of Treasure**

**“When we eat at a local establishment, we always leave a 20% tip in appreciation for the service we received.”**

“When we sit at the Table of the Lord, at Mass, we generally leave 1% or less in gratitude to God for the blessings we have received: family, friends, good health and life itself.”

**Is there anything wrong with this statement?**

**“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be... Much will be required of the person entrusted with much.” (Luke 12:32-48)**

Would our weekly budget and the amount we place in the regular offertory envelope reflect the importance of our parish in our lives? After all, the parish is the primary place wherein we receive our spiritual nourishment for our souls.

**Jesus was called the *Perfect Steward* because he gave 100% for you.**

Is your regular weekly offering a true reflection of what you wish to return to him in thanksgiving for what he has given to you? What we return to the parish is our primary way of expressing thanks and of fulfilling our responsibility to be Christ to each other in our day and time.

On Stewardship Commitment Weekend, October 30-31, please respond gratefully by saying...

**“Here I am Lord... I’ll Take-A-Step for You”**