

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUTTING GOD AND LOVED ONES FIRST

Personal

Daily Personal Prayer

Set prayer times: morning, daily commute, bedtime
Create a special place for prayer in the home

Family Prayer

Sabbath observance as a family
Regular prayer times: meals, bedtime, crisis
Weekly family rosary and/or Prayers of Petition

Spiritual Reading

The Bible
Spiritual books and Catholic magazines

Weekly Spouse Date

Regular commitment to quality time for the marriage

Family Night

Commitment to spend an evening together each week

One-on-One with Children

Each parent makes time each month to spend some time with each child individually

Other Loved Ones

Schedule regular phone calls and visits with extended family members and friends

Parish

Eucharistic Adoration

If available in any parish in your area

Daily Mass

Parish Library

Check out spiritual books, magazines and videos

Religious Education for Adults

Look at your parish bulletin for times and dates

Family Fun Nights

Join your parish family for social events



STEWARDSHIP: OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY

Christian Stewardship is a way of life that acknowledges God as the source of everything. Our lives, our faith, our time, our relationships, our unique talents and experiences, our vocations, our money, our possessions and the earth itself are all gifts from God. We respond with love and gratitude by developing our gifts to their full potential, sharing them generously with others and using them wisely to serve one another. A life of Christian Stewardship becomes our thankful response to God's generosity for the many gifts entrusted to our care.

STEWARDING THE GIFT OF TIME

Our time on this earth is one of the most precious gifts God has given us. We don't know how many days each of us will be given to live out our earthly lives so we must choose to use our time wisely each day. We cannot save time for the future nor can we relive a day in the past. We are good stewards of the gift of time when we make right priorities in our busy lives, remembering that "time is love."

Making Time for God

Good Stewards put spending time with God in prayer and worship high on their list of priorities, so God doesn't just get "leftover" time.

Making Time for Loved Ones

Good stewards also make time for family and friends, nurturing relationships and caring for each other as they follow the commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Monthly Reflection

This is an opportunity to reflect on how you have been using your time over the past month, comparing how you spent your time to what you value most. A review of your planning calendar for the month is a good place to start. Another way is to record how you spend your time for one week – sleeping, eating, working, watching TV, reading, sports, socializing, etc. – you may be surprised!

Monthly Plan

Making a conscious decision to more wisely steward the time God has bestowed on you requires prayerfully deciding what changes you will make in your life. For example, by watching TV one hour less per day you might find more time for prayer, exercise or calling a member of your extended family.

"...time is in the Father's hands;
it is in the present that we
encounter Him,
not yesterday nor tomorrow, but
today."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

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