



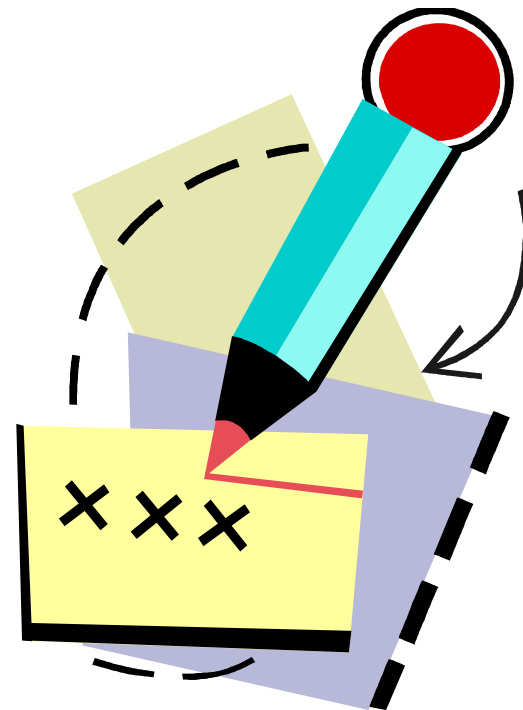
Parish Financial Stewardship Basics

Diocese of Marquette

STEWARDSHIP IQ

Take this quick
stewardship quiz!

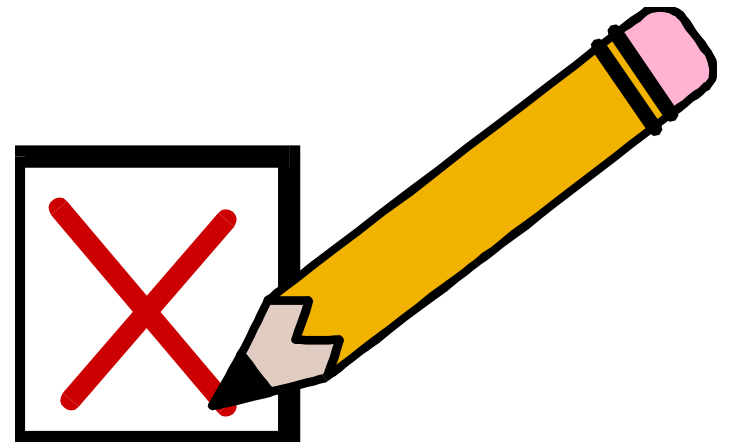
Answers are provided at
the end.



1. Stewardship is primarily

A. An activity

B. An attitude



2. Which phrase more adequately reflects the Theology of Stewardship?

A. Give till it hurts

B. Give till it feels good

C. Pray, pay
and obey



3. Stewardship is

A. A fundraising program

B. A boat full of servants

C. A way of life

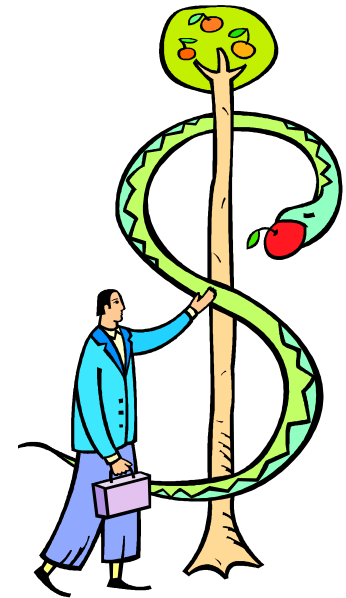


4. From the parishioner's viewpoint, stewardship should be:

- A. An increased giving program
- B. A conversion experience
- C. An obscure theological concept



5. According to Saint Paul
 - A. Money is the root of all evil
 - B. The love of money is the root of all evil



6. Stewardship is:

A. A concept borrowed from the Protestants to help bring in money

B. A Theology of the US Bishops that was expressed in their Pastoral Letter, “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response”



7. Stewardship is primarily about

A. Sacrifice

B. Gratitude



8. In order for a parish stewardship “program” to be successful, the parish needs to emphasize

- A. The giving of time and talent
- B. The giving of treasure
- C. Both of the above



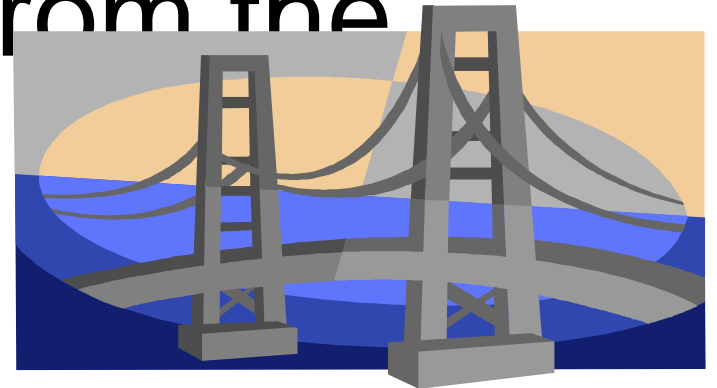
9. The main focus of stewardship is on

- A. Taking care of other people
- B. Taking care of your own and the Church's finances
- C. Taking care of your health
- D. Taking care of the environment
- E. All of the above



10. The Theology of Stewardship

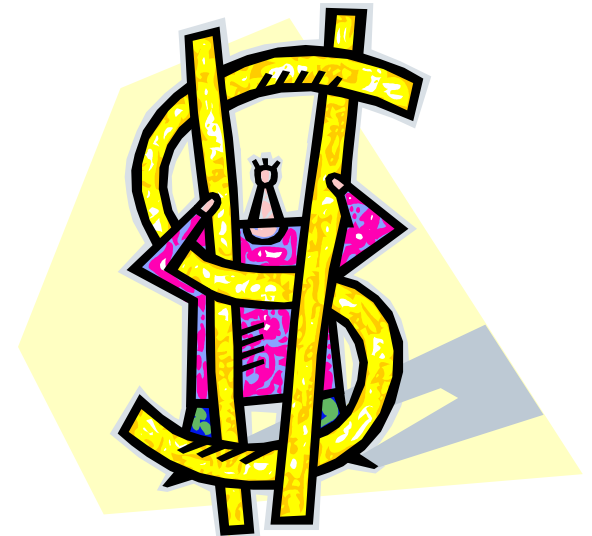
- A. Argues that the spiritual life is more important than the material life
- B. Does not divorce the material life from the spiritual life



11. Stewardship is

A. A faith response

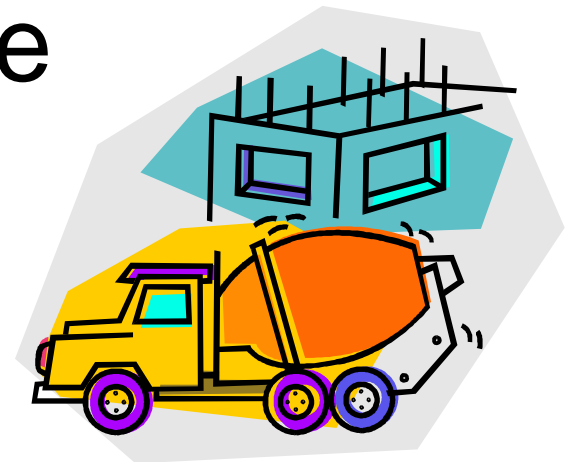
B. A financial obligation



12. When a pastor speaks about Stewardship to his parish

A. It is inappropriate for him to mention the financial needs of the parish

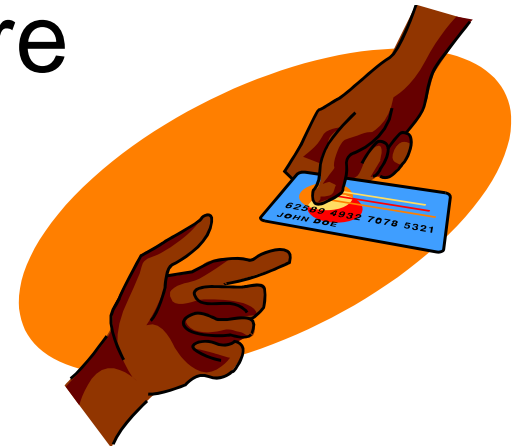
B. It is appropriate for him to mention the financial needs of the parish



13. When parishioners are considering their stewardship pledge of time, talent and treasure

A. They should give what they think is expected of them

B. They should give to the extent that they are grateful for what God has given them





14. According to the Theology of Stewardship money is

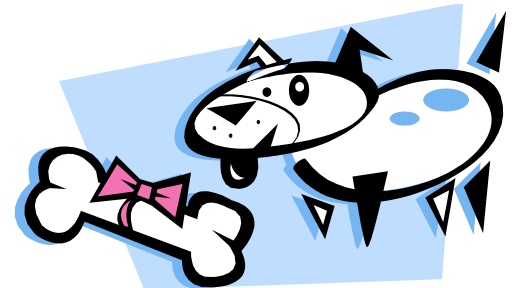
A. A gift from God

B. A necessary evil

C. A four-letter word

D. A five-letter word

15. Stewardship asks us to give
 - A. 10% of our Adjusted Gross Income
 - B. 10% of our Taxable Income
 - C. Whatever our pastor tells us to give
 - D. A prayerful proportionate gift of our time, talent and treasure based upon our personal faith response





Nice Job!

Here's the answers:

1. B

2. B

3. C

4. B

5. B

6. B

7. B

8. C

9. E

10. B

11. A

12. B

13. B

14. A

15. D



STEP 1: The Pastoral

- The U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship must serve as our basis
- Four basic principles or convictions:
 1. A mature decision
 2. A conversion of mind and heart
 3. Changes the way we live
 4. Recognizes God as owner and giver of all gifts



A Christian Steward

...is one who

- Receives God's gifts gratefully,
- Cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner,
- Shares them in justice and love with others, and
- Returns them with increase to the Lord

Stewardship – What It ISN'T

- A program
- A gimmick for fund raising or volunteer recruitment
- Based on the Church's need to receive
- Limited to time, talent and treasure given only to the Church
- Tithing
- A one-time or quick-fix strategy



Stewardship – What is IS

- A way of life
- Based on scripture
- A response to the gift of life
- Personally enriching
- Intentional, planned, proportionate giving of our time, talent and treasure
- A lifelong journey



“Zones” of Stewardship

There are opportunities to practice stewardship in all “zones” of our life:

1. God
2. Church
3. Family
4. Community
5. School
6. World



The Practicality of Stewardship

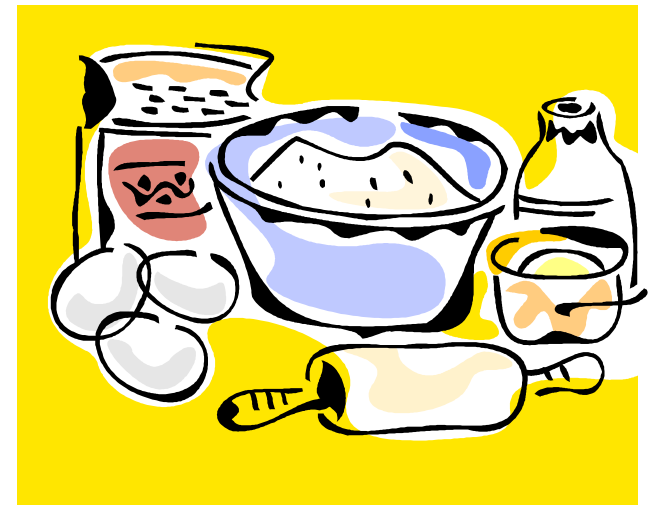
Stewardship affects all aspect of our daily lives:

- Relationships
- Time
- Gratitude
- Money
- Environment
- Church
- Relationship to church administration & fund raising



10 Ingredients for Success

1. Understanding
2. Spirituality
3. Belief in Action
4. Prayer
5. Commitment to Conversion & Education
6. Communication
7. Planning
8. Include Everyone
9. Optimism
10. Gratitude



Seven Signs of a Stewardship Parish


1. Hospitality
2. Prayer
3. Stewardship Committee
4. Recommitment
5. Outreach
6. Lay Witnesses
7. Accountability



Total Parish Stewardship Effort

- An annual 3-week program
- Ongoing formation opportunities throughout the year





Success in stewardship is not
measured

in the quantity of our
stewardship, but

in the *quality* of our
stewardship.



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