



Stewardship Reflections

Abundance...Generosity...Gratitude

A Hampack mailing offering stewardship thoughts, reflections and actions in your personal lives and in your congregations.

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Stewardship "Be-ing" Portrait of a Biblical Giver

Six Characteristics That Can Be Understood As The Values Of Stewardship.

- Be an **INTENTIONAL** giver
 - Develop a plan for giving, name your commitment plan and then live the plan
- Be a **REGULAR** giver
 - Whenever you receive income, give according to your predetermined plan.
- Be a **GENEROUS** giver
 - Generosity is the basic core value of a faithful giver.
- Be a **FIRST-FRUITS** giver
 - Give to God first and live off the rest. Do not give only the remainder to God. This is the key understanding for generous giving.
- Be a **PROPORTIONAL** giver
 - Percentage giving emphasizes "Give in proportion to the blessings you have received."
- Be a **CHEERFUL** giver
 - When you practice being intentional, regular, generous, first and proportional, **then** you will know and feel the joy of cheerful giving.

As stewardship leaders in congregations, this is the question to ask yourselves: **"How can we lead this congregation's stewardship ministry so that each member of the congregation is encouraged to ascribe to and practice these biblical stewardship characteristics?"** Read more about the stewardship ministry of asking, thanking and telling, in the book referred to below.

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