

## Prayers for Christian Stewardship

What is Christian stewardship? David Bell, director of the Center for Christian Stewardship of the United Methodist Church, explains, "It is a lifestyle choice that recognizes that everything is a gift from God. Jesus taught that our responsibility as disciples is to recognize that God is the provider of all that we possess and that our call is to be generous givers. A Christian steward contributes his or her time, talent, prayers, and financial resources with a willing and joyful spirit. Being a generous giver is a spiritual response to God's goodness."

### 12 Qualities of the Christian Steward

1. A Christian steward is compassionate.
2. A Christian steward is content.
3. A Christian steward is generous.
4. A Christian steward is grateful.
5. A Christian steward is loving.
6. A Christian steward is loyal.
7. A Christian steward is obedient.
8. A Christian steward is prayerful.
9. A Christian steward is responsible.
10. A Christian steward sacrifices.
11. A Christian steward shares.
12. A Christian steward is trustworthy.

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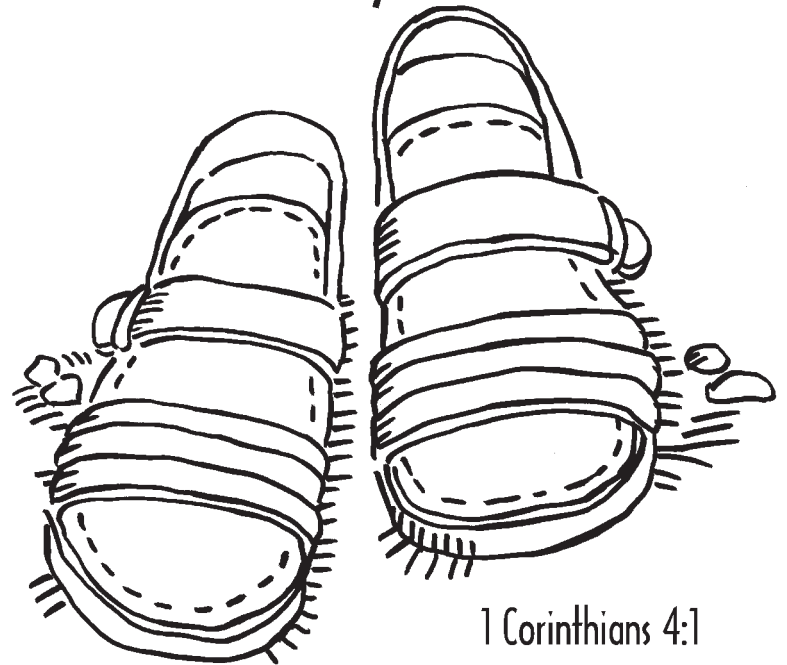


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Think of us in this way,  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of  
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1

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<p><b>1</b> God, we acknowledge that the earth and all that is in it belong to you. Ps. 24</p>	<p><b>2</b> God, we give thanks and praise, for every good and perfect gift comes from you. Jas. 1:17</p>	<p><b>3</b> God, teach us to be compassionate, concerned with the distribution of gifts and resources so that all benefit. Matt. 14:13-21</p>	<p><b>4</b> God, enable us to be content and acknowledge that the love of money is the root of evil. 1 Tim. 6:6-10</p>	<p><b>5</b> God, empower us to be generous, giving whatever is needed, whenever it is needed. Prov. 11:24-29</p>	<p><b>6</b> God, may we be grateful - valuing, protecting and preserving what has been entrusted to our care. 1 Tim. 1:12</p>	<p><b>7</b> God, encourage us to be loving stewards that acknowledge you require justice, kindness and humility. Mic. 6:6-8</p>
<p><b>8</b> God, may we love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Mark 12:30-31</p>	<p><b>9</b> God, teach us to be loyal stewards and faithful servants, remembering why we are here on earth. Deut. 18:13</p>	<p><b>10</b> God, forgive us when we try to serve two masters - God and wealth. Matt. 6:24</p>	<p><b>11</b> God, enable us to be obedient stewards that set aside a part of all our income for others. Deut. 14:22-29</p>	<p><b>12</b> God, may we acknowledge your greatness and goodness through prayer, fellowship, study, worship and reflection. Jer. 29:12-13</p>	<p><b>13</b> God, teach us to be responsible, to always care for your creation, and to wisely manage your resources. Num. 18:25-32</p>	<p><b>14</b> God, empower us to follow Jesus' teaching, sacrificing what we have out of gratitude for our blessings. Matt. 16:24</p>
<p><b>15</b> God, teach us to share and to distribute fairly so that none will be in need. Acts 20:35</p>	<p><b>16</b> God, may we be trustworthy, making wise decisions concerning the resources placed within our care. Luke 19:17</p>	<p><b>17</b> God, enable us to wisely manage our finances and to lead frugal lifestyles. Matt. 25:14-30</p>	<p><b>18</b> God, help us to give material wealth freely so that spiritual wealth abounds as your work is advanced. Prov. 8:12-21</p>	<p><b>19</b> God, may we trust in you to provide for all of our needs. Ps. 37:5</p>	<p><b>20</b> God, thank you for blessing us with the spiritual gift of generosity. Rom. 12:6-8</p>	<p><b>21</b> God, encourage the joy of generous giving in congregations and individuals. Luke 3:11</p>
<p><b>22</b> God, may we joyfully give our time, talent, prayers, and financial resources in response to your goodness. Ps. 31:19</p>	<p><b>23</b> God, bless our pastors who speak the truth about money and love and give good leadership by example. Prov. 19:23</p>	<p><b>24</b> God, provide our church leaders with exceptional stewardship resources, training, and consultation. Titus 2:12</p>	<p><b>25</b> God, develop stewardship programs in our churches that promote personal budget planning and debt reduction. Acts 2:44-45</p>	<p><b>26</b> God, raise the level of giving in our churches so that we may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Cor. 9:8</p>	<p><b>27</b> God, may our reasons for giving be grounded in biblical principles and in response to your blessings. Gen. 12:2</p>	<p><b>28</b> God, use our gifts to our churches to change people's lives in the community and beyond. Matt. 28:19</p>
<p><b>29</b> God, shift our focus away from consumerism toward a lifestyle of sound Christian stewardship. 1 Tim. 6:18-19</p>	<p><b>30</b> God, may we think of ourselves as servants of Christ and stewards of your mysteries. 1 Cor. 4:1-2</p>	<p><b>31</b> God, enable us to use the gifts we have received to serve others, faithfully administering your grace. 1 Pet. 4:10</p>				 <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.ngumc.org">www.ngumc.org</a></p>