

Stewardship of Leadership

Lead by Example

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Balance in Life

Servant Leadership

Stewardship

The purpose of
our life is to:
Know God,
Love God,
and **Serve God**
so that we may live
with Him forever
in Heaven

Leaders building Leaders
on the foundation of Christ

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we believe:

In one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; each of Whom is wholly present in the Other.

That God is the author of Sacred Scripture: Penned by human authors and inspired by the Holy Spirit, both Old and New Testaments firmly, faithfully and without error teach us the Truth, for the sake of our salvation, by which we are to lead our lives at home, in the workplace, and within our community.

That we are created in the image of God, and that we are separated from Him by Sin.

That Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is God's only begotten Son. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered and died for our sins, was resurrected from the dead, and ascended into Heaven.

In the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ and that He will come again to judge all.

In the bodily resurrection of the dead and life everlasting; either united with Christ eternally in Heaven or eternally separated from Him in Hell.

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:5-6

mission:

Leaders building leaders on the foundation of Christ.

vision:

By applying Biblical virtues through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, we will:

Build spiritual leaders in the HOME who shepherd their families to the Throne of Christ.

Build spiritual leaders in the WORKPLACE who model the Example of Christ.

Build spiritual leaders in the COMMUNITY who demonstrate the Integrity of Christ.

core values:

Love • Joy • Peace • Patience

Kindness • Generosity • Faithfulness

Gentleness • Self-Control

Galatians 5: 22 – 23

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

A spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11: 2

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monthly topics:

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The Textbook of Leadership

The Gift of Leadership

Setting the Compass

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Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

Influence and Impact

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Character and Integrity

Conflict in the Home, Workplace and the Community

Taming the Tongue

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Leading with Purpose

Measuring Success

Pass it On (Leave a Legacy)

meeting format *(steps 1 ~ 5 should be completed within 1 hour)*

1. **Opening Prayer** – Volunteer needed to offer a spontaneous prayer.
2. **Prayers for:** Unity, the intercession of the Holy Spirit, Litany of Humility and others are encouraged. *(From the Stewardship of Leadership Prayer booklet and spontaneous)*
3. **Scripture Reading** – Volunteer needed to read. All members are invited to write down all inspirations they receive from the Scripture reading on the provided worksheet.
4. **1–3 Minutes of Silence** – A short period of quiet reflection is requested after the reading allowing the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and spirits to the reading.
5. **Group Contribution** – All members are invited to contribute what impacted them in this Scripture reading, sharing inspirations, personal stories and how they relate to their lives.
6. **Group Accountability Session (up to 20 minutes)** – The group could break out into groups of 3 to 4 if they choose, or remain as a group. This will be a time for each participant to delve into specific areas of self-growth related to the topic being discussed. Each participant is invited to document, on the provided worksheet, specific Action Items they plan to accomplish over the next week. These Action Items could be reviewed at the following week's break-out session.
7. **Prayer Requests/Praise Items** – All members are welcome to share prayer requests and/or praise items to be offered up in prayer by the group. Please feel free to write these down on the provided worksheet.
8. **Closing Prayers**
 - Volunteer needed to pray for the requests/intentions.
 - Prayers for a peaceful spirit *(from the Stewardship of Leadership Prayer booklet)*
 - Spontaneous Thanksgiving prayer for our time together

Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Balance in Life

suggested reading: John 15:13

week one reflection

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees had heard that He had silenced the Saducees, they assembled in a body; and one of them, a lawyer, in an attempt to trip Him up, asked Him, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" Jesus said to him: "You shall love the Lord your God with our whole Heart, with your whole soul, and with your mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well."

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. Does the investment of the gift of your time demonstrate that you love God with all your heart, soul and mind?
2. Do you put God first in your life (at home, in the workplace and in the community)? How do others recognize this?
3. How is "love of neighbor" demonstrated at home in the workplace and in your neighborhood? How does loving your neighbor get practical?

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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Balance in Life

suggested reading: Luke 9:23

week two reflection

Mark 8:34-38

He summoned the crowd with His disciples and said to them: “If a man wishes to come after Me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in My steps. Whoever would preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will preserve it. What profit does a man show who gains the whole world and destroys himself in the process? What can a man offer in exchange for his life? If anyone in this faithless and corrupt age is ashamed of Me and My doctrine, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes with the Holy Angels in His Father’s glory.”

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. We are given the choice to “follow in Christ’s footsteps”. What are the obstacles that sometimes cause us to take detours or lay down our crosses, turning back to the world?
2. Where have you seen someone seek to “gain the world” and come up empty handed? Of what is this really a symptom?
3. “If we deny Him, He will deny us before the Father.” Give an example where you have seen this happen in your or in someone else’s life.



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Balance in Life

suggested reading: Psalm 90:12

week three reflection

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the Heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. How is it possible to know which “time” is appropriate for the situation at hand? How do we discern the prompting or nudge of God’s Spirit?
2. How does the Holy Spirit make Himself known in each situation that is presented? How does the Holy Spirit confirm His will?
3. How do recognize “balance”? What qualifiers keep you on point and ordered? What are the consequences of being out of balance?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Balance in Life

suggested reading: Psalm 119:165

week four reflection

Ephesians 6:10-17

Only in God be at rest, my soul, for from Him comes my hope. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed. With God is my safety and my glory, He is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O my people! Pour out your hearts before Him; God is our refuge!

Only a breath are mortal men; an illusion are men of rank; in balance they prove lighter, all together, than a breath. Trust not in extortion; in plunder take no empty pride; though wealth abound, set not your heart upon it.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Another translation for “my hope” is “my expectation”. When we put our hope or expectations in God, will He or can He disappoint us?
2. What is it like to pour out you heart before the Lord?
3. Often we take pride in our accomplishments, yet the Bible says not to take pride in our successes or set our sights on riches. How do we abide by this? What tools help us?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Servant Leadership

suggested reading: Hebrews 12:1-2

week one reflection

Philippians 2:5-11

Though He was in the form of God, He did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather He emptied Himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that He humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death, death on a cross! Because of this, God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name above every other name, so that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the Heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the Glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord!

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. How hard do you think it was for Jesus to be God, but take on the garb of a servant? Why do you believe this was necessary?
2. “Obedience is better than sacrifice.” Can you elaborate on what this means and what it looks like in our walk?
3. The evidence of being obedient to God is the fruit of the Spirit. How many fruits can you name? Better yet, how many do you demonstrate?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Servant Leadership

suggested reading: Romans 12:16

week two reflection

Ephesians 4:1-6

I plead with you, then, as a prisoner for the Lord, to live a life worthy of the calling you have received, with perfect humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another lovingly. Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force. There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and works through all, and is in all.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. How do we live a life “worthy of our calling”? Is it not by demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit under duress? Can this be accomplished in our own strength?
2. “If He is not Lord of all, then He is not Lord at all.” Explain how this translates into our daily living, tasks, and most of all, our relationships.
3. How do we experience the Unity of the Spirit through Peace? How does this Peace work as an “umpire” in our decisions and responses?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Servant Leadership

suggested reading: Philippians 2:5

week three reflection

Matthew 20:20-28

The mother of Zebedee's sons came up to Him accompanied by her sons, to do Him homage and ask of Him a favor. "What is it you want?" He said. She answered, "Promise me that these sons of mine will sit, one at Your right hand and the other at Your left, in Your Kingdom." In reply Jesus said, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink of the cup I am to drink of?" "We can," they said. He told them, "From the cup I drink of, you shall drink. But sitting at My right hand or My left is not Mine to give. That is for those to whom it has been reserved by my Father." The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at the two brothers. Jesus then called them together and said: "You know how those who exercise authority among the Gentiles lord it over them; their great ones make their importance felt. It cannot be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest, and whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. Such is the case with the Son of Man who has come, not to be served by others, but to serve, to give His own life as a ransom for the many."

The Gospel of the Lord — **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

suggested talking points

1. God's ways are opposite of man's natural inclinations. Those who want to be first must choose to be last; those who want to be great must choose to be humble. How was Jesus our example in this?
2. What would those closest to you say about your style of leadership? Do you "prefer others more than yourself"? Does this make you a follower or a leader?
3. What are some specific ways to better serve those in your care (at home, in the workplace and in your neighborhood)?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Servant Leadership

suggested reading: Mark 12:31

week four reflection

2 Chronicles 20:5-12

My brothers, remember that you have been called to live in freedom – but not a freedom that gives you free rein to the flesh. Out of love, place yourselves at one another's service. The whole law has found its fulfillment in this one saying: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If you go on biting and tearing one another to pieces, take care! You will end up in mutual destruction! My point is that you should live in accord with the Spirit and you will not yield to the cravings of the flesh.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. One of the greatest commands is to love your neighbor as yourself. In today's language, how do we do that? What does it look like?
2. Who are some people in your world today that embrace and live this verse out? What are the ways that you love yourself?
3. How do people end up in mutual destruction? How do they devour one another? Is the misuse of the tongue one of the culprits? How have you seen this work in your experience or walk with God?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Stewardship

suggested reading: Philippians 2:13

week one reflection

1 Peter 4:8-11

Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received. The one who speaks is to deliver God's message. The one who serves is to do it with the strength provided by God. Thus, in all of you, God is to be glorified through Jesus Christ; to Him be glory and dominion throughout the ages. Amen.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. What are some examples in your life when it was not so easy to be “mutually hospitable without complaining”? What did you learn from the experience?
2. What are some of the manifold God-given gifts you have that can be shared with others?
3. Only in God's strength and by His grace can we carry out His purposes. Only then can we truly glorify God in all things. How do we keep “our cup” full?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Stewardship

suggested reading: Philippians 4:11-12

week two reflection

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure. Moths and rust corrode; thieves break in and steal. Make it your practice instead to store up heavenly treasure, which neither moths nor rust corrode nor thieves break in and steal. Remember, where you treasure is, there your heart is also.”

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. List some of the possible treasures that people accumulate. What does the Scripture say about these things?
2. Why do we sometimes get caught up in the riches of the world instead of what is most important? Are the riches of the world, in and of themselves, evil? What about money?
3. How do we recognize “where our heart is”? How do we become content with what we have? How much is enough?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Stewardship

suggested reading: Philippians 4:19

week four reflection

1 Timothy 6:9-10, 17-19

Those who want to be rich are falling into temptation and a trap. They are letting themselves be captured by foolish and harmful desires which drag men down to ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all evil. Some men in their passion for it have strayed from the faith, and have come to grief amid great pain.

Tell those who are rich in this world's goods not to be proud, and not to rely on so uncertain a thing as wealth. Let them trust in the God who provides us richly with all things for our use. Charge them to do good, to be rich in good works and generous, sharing what they have. Thus will they build a secure foundation for the future, for receiving that life which is life indeed.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Can you think of times in your life when you allowed yourself to be driven by “foolish and harmful desires”? What were the results? Were any life lessons learned through that season of your life?
2. Money, in itself, is not evil. Paul notes that the “love” of money is evil. Share examples of how the relentless pursuit of riches can bring a family, a business and the world to ultimate destruction.
3. Do you know someone who is wealthy, yet generous and has built a “secure foundation for the future”? Why does God entrust wealth to some but not others?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Stewardship

suggested reading: Mark 10:24-25

week four reflection

Luke 16:19-31

“Once there was a rich man who dressed in purple and linen and feasted splendidly every day. At his gate lay a beggar named Lazarus who was covered with sores. Lazarus longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. The dogs even came and licked his sores. Eventually the beggar died. He was carried by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man likewise died and was buried. From the abode of the dead where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham afar, and Lazarus resting in his bosom.”

“He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water to refresh my tongue, for I am tortured in these flames.’ ‘My child,’ replied Abraham, ‘remember that you were well off in your lifetime, while Lazarus was in misery. Now he has found consolation here, but you have found torment. And that is not all. Between you and us there is fixed a great abyss, so that those who might wish to cross from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross from your side to us.’”

“‘Father, I ask you, then,’ the rich man said, ‘send him to my father’s house where I have five brothers. Let him be a warning to them so that they may not end in this place of torment.’ Abraham answered, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them.’ ‘No, Father Abraham,’ replied the rich man. ‘But if someone would only go to them from the dead, then they would repent.’ Abraham said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if one should rise from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. This is a base description of Hell itself! What happened to the rich man? Was his reward on earth or in Heaven? What did he experience in the afterlife?
2. What was the difference between the rich man and Lazarus? How permanent were their destinations? What made the difference regarding where they each ended up?
3. What were the consequences of both? Why is it important to take care of the needy?



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the benefits of participation

- Gives purpose and meaning to our daily lives.
- Spiritual growth, at home, at work and within our communities.
- A life of spiritual peace, joy and charity.
- Learn more, so we can give more.
- Group support and encouragement.
- An ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Individual growth (from self-centered to God-centered).
- Become a better person, spouse, parent, leader, follower and friend.
- Counsel of Godly men and women.
- Build life-long relationships.
- Life balance

Balance In Life

1. Relationship with God
2. Spouse
3. Children/Grandchildren
4. Mission Opportunities (*workplace, community & church*)
5. Yourself

*From your relationship with God, flows His love into others.
God must be first in our lives.*



A Family of Ministries with a Global Reach, Planting Seeds of Faith Around the World.



Who we Are

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded in 2010, with the mission to be an instrument of unity in the one body of Christ by feeding the hungry hearts of God's children.

We started with producing and distributing booklets and posters at no charge to churches throughout the United States. These resources were created to spread the Gospel message of stewardship which is: everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others.

Today, Stewardship: A Mission of Faith is a family of ministries with a global reach, planting seeds of faith around the world through the ministries of Down To Earth, The Fathers of St. Joseph, Integrity Restored, and Spirit Power, as well as continuing to serve in our initial mission initiatives.

Who and How We Serve

The answer is simple—everyone and in multiple ways! Because we are a “family” of ministries, we are able to plant the seeds of faith in many ways. Whether someone is beginning their faith journey or further down the path, we are able to offer a multitude of resources: books, booklets, Bibles, rosaries, audio CDs, DVD series, speaker presentations, and many other tools and initiatives. Our offerings are targeted to serve:

Teens, Young Adults, Adults, Parents, Educators, Parishes/Churches, Men's & Women's Groups, Engaged & Married Couples, Clergy, Lay Leaders, Youth Ministries, Dioceses, Apostolates and Business Leaders

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