

Stewardship of Leadership

Lead by Example

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Character and Integrity
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Conflict in the Home, Workplace
and the Community.....
Taming the Tongue

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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Balance in Life

Servant Leadership

Stewardship

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Leading in Troubled Times

Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

Influence and Impact

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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: Character and Integrity

suggested reading: Psalm 119:8–10

week one reflection

Psalm 119:30–37

The way of loyalty I have chosen;
I have kept your judgments.
I cling to your testimonies, LORD;
do not let me come to shame.
I will run the way of your commandments,
for you will broaden my heart.
LORD, teach me the way of your statutes;
I shall keep them with care.
Give me understanding to keep your law,
to observe it with all my heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my delight.
Direct my heart toward your testimonies
and away from gain.
Avert my eyes from what is worthless;
by your way give me life.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. What is “the way of loyalty”? Give examples of how you have chosen “the way of loyalty” in your everyday life.
2. Were there crucial times in your life when you did not “cling” to God’s commandments? Were there consequences involved? Yours or someone else’s?
3. How does the Word keep you pure? How do we keep plugged into it and experience its power?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

suggested reading: Romans 12:10

week two reflection

1 Corinthians 16:13–18

Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love.

I urge you, brothers – you know that the household of Stephanas is the firstfruits of Achaia and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the holy ones – be subordinate to such people and to everyone who works and toils with them. I rejoice in the arrival of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, because they made up for your absence, for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. So give recognition to such people.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. How do the words “guard”, “courageous” and “be strong” apply or fit into the Christian walk?
2. Can you offer suggestions on how to “lead with love”? What forms of honor does love take?
3. God sends His people to refresh and encourage each other. How do we honor these people in the church and in our lives?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

suggested reading: Revelation 3:5

week three reflection

Revelation 21:22–27

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and to it the kings of the earth will bring their treasure. During the day its gates will never be shut, and there will be no night there. The treasure and wealth of the nations will be brought there, but nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who does abominable things or tells lies. Only those will enter whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. What causes the light to shine in Heaven? Who is the Light? Does this mean there is no day or night in Heaven as we know it today?
2. Share what you know about “the Lamb’s Book of Life”. Is it actually a book with written names in it?
3. How does Heaven keep people and things that are impure out? How does one get his name written in the Book of Life?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

suggested reading: Galatians 2:20

week four reflection

Galatians 5:19–26

Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ (Jesus) have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit. Let us not be conceited, provoking one another, envious of one another.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Contemplate the “works of the flesh”. All of these are displayed in our society today. What is the root of these acts?
2. The Fruit of the Spirit are the qualities one produces when he walks with God. Can you detail these nine fruit without looking?
3. How can/do we crucify the flesh of its passions and desires? How does the good fruit overcome the flesh?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Conflict in the Home, in the Workplace
and in the Community

suggested reading: Matthew 18:35

week one reflection

Matthew 5:21–26

“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, ‘Raqa,’ will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.”

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

suggested talking points

1. Recall times in your life when you became angry with a ‘brother’ or ‘sister’; how was the conflict resolved? Are there still some unresolved conflicts in your life? What could/should you do to help resolve them?
2. Is this passage only about us having or harboring something against another, or is it about others holding something against us?
3. There is a strong mandate to resolve and forgive in these passages. Why are we told to be the initiator in settling disputes? What does it mean to leave our gift at the altar and reconcile with our brother?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Conflict in the Home, in the Workplace
and in the Community

suggested reading: Colossians 3:12–14

week two reflection

Matthew 5:38–48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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

suggested talking points

1. Retaliation is natural. Forgiveness and overlooking a fault is supernatural. How can we be prepared to go the extra mile?
2. When someone is in need, do you lend a helping hand? How quickly are you prepared to meet their needs? How do you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you?
3. The illustration of pungent! We really haven’t demonstrated love if we only love those who love us. How can we illustrate God’s love?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Conflict in the Home, in the Workplace
and in the Community

suggested reading: Matthew 24:5–13

week three reflection

Mark 13:8–13

“Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes from place to place and there will be famines. These are the beginnings of the labor pains.

“Watch out for yourselves. They will hand you over to the courts. You will be beaten in synagogues. You will be arraigned before governors and kings because of me, as a witness before them. But the gospel must first be preached to all nations. When they lead you away and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say. But say whatever will be given to you at that hour. For it will not be you who are speaking but the holy Spirit. Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.”

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

suggested talking points

1. What birth/labor pains are we seeing today? Have you ever considered that you or your loved ones may be called upon to be a martyr?
2. We will be persecuted if we make a bold stand for Christ. Yet we are not to fear or even figure out what to say. How do we rely on the Holy Spirit to use us and speak through us?
3. There will be those close to us that will betray us. If we persevere we will be saved. How do we prepare ourselves spiritually for these end times?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Conflict in the Home, in the Workplace
and in the Community

suggested reading: 1 Peter 2:20–23

week four reflection

Romans 12:14–21

Bless those who persecute (you), bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Rather, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.” Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. We are basically told to be a servant with a tender spirit toward everyone. How do we respond instead of react in the face of assaults and insults?
2. We are admonished to live at peace with all men as much as is within our control. Does this mean we will be at peace with everyone? Should we ever need to be a “door mat”?
3. We are asked to do the opposite of our natural inclinations. Explain the paradox of “heaping hot coals on your enemy’s head”.



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

suggested reading: Proverbs 16:1

week one reflection

James 1:19–26

Know this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of a man does not accomplish the righteousness of God. Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not the hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, his religion is vain.

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

suggested talking points

1. In certain situations, which are we more apt to be: quick to hear, slow to speak or slow to wrath? Anger does not correlate with godliness. Why not?
2. What exactly does it mean to be a “doer of the word” versus a “hearer of the word”?
3. There is a strong parallel noted here between someone’s ability to control their tongue and the validity of his or her “religion” or faith. How are the two inter-related?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

suggested reading: Romans 12:1–2

week two reflection

2 Timothy 2:11–17

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him

we shall also live with him,

if we persevere

we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him

he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful

he remains faithful,

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind people of these things and charge them before God to stop disputing about words. This serves no useful purpose since it harms those who listen. Be eager to present yourself as acceptable to God, a workman who causes no disgrace, imparting the word of truth without deviation. Avoid profane, idle talk, for such people will become more and more godless, and their teaching will spread like gangrene.

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

suggested talking points

1. Share examples of our Father's faithfulness, despite our faithlessness?
2. We must live truly, speak truly and love truly if we are to be without blemish. How "in the world" are we to accomplish this?
3. Disputes, fights, profane and idle chatter accomplish no good thing. What steps can we take to put a guard over our tongues and mouths?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

suggested reading: Psalm 119:165

week three reflection

Proverbs 16:1–8

Plans are made in human hearts,
but from the LORD comes the tongue's response.
All one's ways are pure in one's own eyes,
but the measurer of motives is the LORD.
Entrust your works to the LORD,
and your plans will succeed.
The LORD has made everything for a purpose,
even the wicked for the evil day.
Every proud heart is an abomination to the LORD;
be assured that none will go unpunished.
By steadfast loyalty guilt is expiated,
and by the fear of the LORD evil is avoided.
When the LORD is pleased with someone's ways,
he makes even enemies be at peace with them.
Better a little with justice,
than a large income with injustice.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. If we commit our works to the Lord, our plans will succeed! Can you recall some specific incidences of this in your life?
2. When we look at the “underside of the tapestry” of our lives, it might be difficult to believe that everything has been made for a purpose. Yet God says it is! Where have you seen this evident in your life?
3. When the Lord is pleased with our ways, who makes our enemies at peace with us; God or us?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

suggested reading: Proverbs 21:23

week four reflection

Proverbs 15:1–7

A mild answer turns back wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.
The tongue of the wise pours out knowledge,
but the mouth of fools spews folly.
The eyes of the LORD are in every place,
keeping watch on the evil and the good.
A soothing tongue is a tree of life,
but a perverse one breaks the spirit.
The fool spurns a father's instruction,
but whoever heeds reproof is prudent.
In the house of the just there are ample resources,
but the harvest of the wicked is in peril.
The lips of the wise spread knowledge,
but the heart of fools is not steadfast.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Describe mild versus harsh; knowledge versus folly; soothing versus perverse; instruction versus reproof.
2. This passage refers to both the wise and the foolish. Describe the characteristics of each.
3. How many words refer to the tongue here? Name them.



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Stewardship of Leadership 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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