

Stewardship of Leadership

Lead by Example

Volume 3 ~ Number 1

The Textbook of Leadership
.....
The Gift of Leadership
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Setting the Compass

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

Stewardship of Leadership

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

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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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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 (Living a Legacy)

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

1. **Opening Prayer** – Volunteer needed to offer a spontaneous prayer.
2. **Prayer's 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. During this time the book, DVD or CD of the month could also be included in the discussion.
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: The Textbook of Leadership

supporting Scripture: Romans 5:3–5

week one reflection

James 1:2–8

Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it. But he should ask in faith, not doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed about by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord, since he is a man of two minds, unstable in all his ways.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. How do we usually look at trials/troubles? Does this Scripture tell us how to respond and why?
2. Why does God draw the parallel of the wave of the sea and the doubting person who asks for something from God?
3. Why does God call the man blessed who bears up under trials and what is the reward? Where does the temptation stem from?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: The Textbook of Leadership

supporting Scripture: Proverbs 27:1–2

week two reflection

Matthew 6:1–4

“[But] take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

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

suggested talking points

1. Why does God love a cheerful giver who gives in “secret”? Do you know anyone like that?
2. What is my motivation for ministry and sharing the gifts God has entrusted me with? Am I working for His Kingdom or for man’s approval?
3. Do we look for instant gratification through what the world offers? What does the expression “audience of one” mean in relationship to this passage?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: The Textbook of Leadership

supporting Scripture: Romans 12:4–10

week three reflection

Matthew 25:14–30

“It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ [Then] the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.’

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

suggested talking points

1. What have I done with the talents God has given me?
2. Take a few moments to identify the talents that you recognize in others in the group. How do you see God using those talents for His service?
3. Do I “spend” or “invest” these God-given gifts? How do you steward these accordingly?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: The Textbook of Leadership

supporting Scripture: Matthew 6:33–34

week four reflection

Luke 12:29–34

As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these other things will be given you besides. Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

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

suggested talking points

1. Where are your treasures? Where do your fears stem from?
2. As we analyze our weekly calendar, our checkbook, our investment account and our charitable giving, how would others identify your priorities?
3. Give your interpretation of “for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.”



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: The Gift of Leadership

supporting Scripture: Proverbs = Wisdom

week one reflection

James 3:13–18

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. Wisdom of this kind does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. What are the fruits of Godly wisdom? Grade yourself according to the list above.
2. What are the attributes of a peacemaker and how do you recognize a peacemaker?
3. Where does this kind of wisdom come from and how do we attain it?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: The Gift of Leadership

supporting Scripture: Job 23:10–17, 27:21

week two reflection

Revelation 3:14b–20

“The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God’s creation, says this: ‘I know your works; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either cold or hot, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, ‘I am rich and affluent and have no need of anything,’ and yet do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments to put on so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed, and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and chastise. Be earnest, therefore, and repent.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Describe the lukewarm Christian. Why would God prefer us hot or cold?
2. The lukewarm individual appears blind to who they are and what they need. What is the root of this?
3. The verse of Jesus standing at the door of your heart knocking is indicative of the salvation message. Explain the meaning of this illustration.



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: The Gift of Leadership

supporting Scripture: Luke 17:10

week three reflection

Matthew 6:16–18

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.

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

suggested talking points

1. Notice that the Scripture says “When” you fast, not “If” you fast?
2. How many “fasts” are you aware of? What kind of fast have you done and why did you choose it?
3. What has been the result of your fasting?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: The Gift of Leadership

supporting Scripture: Philippians 4:6–7, 19

week four reflection

Matthew 6:24–30

“No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

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

suggested talking points

1. Why does the Heavenly Father tell us not to worry? What are the consequences of worry?
2. What does God use as illustrations in nature in this passage and why?
3. What is God’s promise of provision to us?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Setting the Compass

supporting Scripture: II Timothy 2:15

week one reflection

Proverbs 1:1–7

The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David,
king of Israel:
That people may know wisdom and discipline,
may understand intelligent sayings;
May receive instruction in wise conduct,
in what is right, just and fair;
That resourcefulness may be imparted to the naive,
knowledge and discretion to the young.
The wise by hearing them will advance in learning,
the intelligent will gain sound guidance,
To comprehend proverb and byword,
the words of the wise and their riddles.
Fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and discipline.

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

suggested talking points

1. Who wrote the book of Proverbs, for whom and to what purpose?
2. Have you considered that there is a chapter of Proverbs for every day of the month?
3. Can you define how the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Setting the Compass

supporting Scripture: Malachi 3:8–12

week two reflection

Proverbs 3:9–18

Honor the LORD with your wealth,
with first fruits of all your produce;
Then will your barns be filled with plenty,
with new wine your vats will overflow.
The discipline of the LORD, my son, do not spurn;
do not disdain his reproof;
For whom the LORD loves he reproves,
as a father, the son he favors.
Happy the one who finds wisdom,
the one who gains understanding!

Her profit is better than profit in silver,
and better than gold is her revenue;
She is more precious than corals,
and no treasure of yours can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand,
in her left are riches and honor;
Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace;
She is a tree of life to those who grasp her,
and those who hold her fast are happy

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

suggested talking points

1. What is God's promise if we tithe the first fruits of our time, talent and treasure?
2. Why does God discipline His children? What is the fruit of His discipline?
3. How is the Heavenly Father's chastening like an earthly father to his children?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Setting the Compass

supporting Scripture: Psalm 119

week three reflection

Proverbs 4:1–9

Hear, O children, a father's instruction,
be attentive, that you may gain understanding!
Yes, excellent advice I give you;
my teaching do not forsake.
When I was my father's child,
tender, the darling of my mother,
He taught me and said to me:
"Let your heart hold fast my words:
keep my commands, and live!
Get wisdom, get understanding!
Do not forget or turn aside from the words of my mouth.
Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;
love her, and she will safeguard you;
The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom;
whatever else you get, get understanding.
Extol her, and she will exalt you;
she will bring you honors if you embrace her;
She will put on your head a graceful diadem;
a glorious crown will she bestow on you."

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

suggested talking points

1. We are prompted to pursue wisdom and understanding. What are the benefits named here for each?
2. How is God's Word the source of wisdom and understanding? How can we make it our steady diet?
3. When Solomon asked for wisdom instead of riches what did God give him? How does this principle model for us?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Setting the Compass

supporting Scripture: II Timothy 3:16-17

week four reflection

Proverbs 30:5–9

Every word of God is tested;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
Add nothing to his words,
lest he reprimand you, and you be proved a liar.

Two things I ask of you,
do not deny them to me before I die:
Put falsehood and lying far from me,
give me neither poverty nor riches;
provide me only with the food I need;
Lest, being full, I deny you,
saying, “Who is the LORD?”
Or, being in want, I steal,
and profane the name of my God.

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

suggested talking points

1. How well do you know the Word of God? Have you hidden the Word in your heart that you might not sin against God?
2. As in this passage, what two things would you ask of God before you die? Why?
3. Discuss the dichotomy between having too much or too little.



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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 others-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

We invite you to join our mission, through your prayers and financial support. Visit our website today at StewardshipMission.org



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