

# Stewardship of Leadership

Lead by Example

Volume 3 ~ Number 2

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

# 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*



# Stewardship of Leadership

## monthly topics:

### Volume 3 Number 1

The Textbook of Leadership

The Gift of Leadership

Setting the Compass

### Volume 3 Number 2

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### Volume 3 Number 3

Leading in Troubled Times

Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

Influence and Impact

### Volume 3 Number 4

Character and Integrity

Conflict in the Home, Workplace and the Community

Taming the Tongue

### Volume 3 Number 5

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.
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: 2 Timothy 4:2

## week one reflection

2 Timothy 2:20–22

In a large household there are vessels not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for lofty and others for humble use. If anyone cleanses himself of these things, he will be a vessel for lofty use, dedicated, beneficial to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So turn from youthful desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord with purity of heart.

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

## suggested talking points

1. We choose for what purpose we will be used in the Kingdom. What delineates that outcome?
2. How do we prepare to be used for His Highest Purposes?
3. By “walking out” verse 22 at home, in the workplace and in the community, we grow in both the Lord and in our relationships with others. What is your list of priorities that help you maintain balance in life?



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# Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Balance in Life

suggested reading: Proverbs 27:2

## week two reflection

Matthew 6:5–8

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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

## suggested talking points

1. When we perform acts of kindness to be seen, we are like the hypocrites. Why does it say we have our reward?
2. Since God sees our deeds done in secret, how does He reward us?
3. If God is our source and He knows our needs before we ask Him, is there room for worry, anxiety or fear?





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# Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Balance in Life

suggested reading: Ephesians 6:1–3

## week three reflection

Luke 2:43–52

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” but they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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

## suggested talking points

1. Jesus at twelve years of age was with His parents at a Feast and he came up missing for three days. When they found Him, what was He doing? What was everyone amazed at?
2. Mary and Joseph were anxious and distressed. When have similar situations in your life caused you to get out of balance in your home, workplace or community?
3. Jesus showed obedience and submission by leaving when His parents said so. As a result, Jesus grew in balance. How has obedience and submission to God’s will brought balance in your life?



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# Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Balance in Life

suggested reading: Colossians 3:2

## week four reflection

Matthew 6:19–21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. 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. How do I define “treasure”? How do I protect my “treasures”?
2. We are to “set our minds and hearts on things above” and to “guard our affections”. Why are our hearts so entwined with our lives?
3. What is the secret to setting and keeping my affections grounded?



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# Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Servant Leadership

suggested reading: James 3:1

week one reflection

1 Timothy 3:1–16

This saying is trustworthy: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. Therefore, a bishop must be irreproachable, married only once, temperate, self-controlled, decent, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not aggressive, but gentle, not contentious, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, keeping his children under control with perfect dignity; for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of the church of God? He should not be a recent convert, so that he may not become conceited and thus incur the devil's punishment. He must also have a good reputation among outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, the devil's trap.

Similarly, deacons must be dignified, not deceitful, not addicted to drink, not greedy for sordid gain, holding fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. Moreover, they should be tested first; then, if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. Women, similarly, should be dignified, not slanderers, but temperate and faithful in everything. Deacons may be married only once and must manage their children and their households well. Thus those who serve well as deacons gain good standing and much confidence in their faith in Christ Jesus.

I am writing you about these matters, although I hope to visit you soon. But if I should be delayed, you should know how to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth. Undeniably great is the mystery of devotion,

Who was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated in the spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed to the Gentiles,  
believed in throughout the world,  
taken up in glory.

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

suggested talking points

1. Why is there a higher standard required for those who are in spiritual leadership?
2. Name as many of the requirements and character qualities as you can, relative to Christian leadership.
3. Certain guidelines are given for the leader's family. What is revealed in this Scripture pertaining to the family dynamics?



## Challenge Point

Love does not dominate; it cultivates.

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### Reflections:

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# Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Servant Leadership

suggested reading: Romans 14:4

## week two reflection

1 Timothy 4:12–16

Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. Until I arrive, attend to the reading, exhortation, and teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was conferred on you through the prophetic word with the imposition of hands of the presbyterate. Be diligent in these matters, be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to everyone. Attend to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in both tasks, for by doing so you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.

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

## suggested talking points

1. Paul gave Timothy some admonitions to be an example even though he was younger. What were they and how can you incorporate them into your life?
2. Paul told him to use and mature in his gifts. What adjectives did he use to challenge him? Which of these are the most challenging to you today?
3. Why did he tell him to “look well to his own personality”? For what outcome did he say this?



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# Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Servant Leadership

suggested reading: Luke 9:23–25

## 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. According to this Scripture, what are the most esteemed words we could ever hear?
2. Share your thoughts on this quote: “To whom much is given, much will be required”.
3. Summarize the essence of this parable known as “The Parable of the Talents”.





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# Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Servant Leadership

suggested reading: Luke 6:31–35

## week four reflection

Matthew 25:31–46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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

## suggested talking points

1. What are some of the practical ways we exemplify Christ to the poor?
2. How do our actions directly affect the Heart of the Lord?
3. Explain the verses that speak of reward or judgment in this reflection.



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# Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Stewardship

suggested reading: Numbers 32:23

## week one reflection

### Acts 5:1–11

A man named Ananias, however, with his wife, Sapphira, sold a piece of property. He retained for himself, with his wife's knowledge, some of the purchase price, took the remainder, and put it at the feet of the apostles. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart so that you lied to the holy Spirit and retained part of the price of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain yours? And when it was sold, was it not still under your control? Why did you contrive this deed? You have lied not to human beings, but to God." When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last, and great fear came upon all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped him up, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours, his wife came in, unaware of what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me, did you sell the land for this amount?" she answered, "Yes, for that amount." Then Peter said to her, why did you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen, the footsteps of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." At once, she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men entered they found her dead, of they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

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

## suggested talking points

1. Ananias and Sapphira sold some property but did not give the proceeds to the Lord. They were not honest stewards and were judged. What happened to them? How does this story challenge you today?
2. They held back what belonged to the Lord and Peter was given knowledge of this. Is there anything that is a secret from God? What does it mean that He is omniscient?
3. When dishonesty prevailed and Ananias and Sapphira "robbed" God, judgment was levied. What was the result in "the Church"? What has caused you to hold back in your generosity to God?



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# Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Stewardship

suggested reading: Galatians 5:22–23

## week two reflection

### Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these things put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## suggested talking points

1. This Scripture teaches us the character qualities of a servant leader. List these traits. What trait is most present in your life now and what trait do you want to work on with God's grace?
2. What is considered the "bond of perfection" and to whom does it bind everything together? Please share how this bond is lived out in your home, workplace and community.
3. How do we let the Word of God dwell in us richly? What practices will be evident according to verse 16?



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# Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Stewardship

suggested reading: Luke 15:11–32

## week three reflection

Luke 16:1–8 (a)

Then he also said to his disciples, “A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.’ The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.’ He called in his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He replied, ‘One hundred measures of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.’ Then to another he said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘One hundred kors of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.’ And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

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

## suggested talking points

1. Do I treat all I have as God’s loan to me? How does the phrase “use it or lose it” righteously apply?
2. Can we lose privileges and positions of responsibility by poor management?
3. What is prudence? Please share a real-life situation where prudence was put into action.



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# Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Stewardship

suggested reading: Proverbs 3:9–10

## week four reflection

Malachi 3:7(b)–10

Return to me, that I may return to you,

says the LORD of hosts.

But you say, “Why should we return?”

Can anyone rob God? But you are robbing me!

And you say, “How have we robbed you?”

Of tithes and contributions!

You are indeed accursed,

for you, the whole nation, rob me.

Bring the whole tithe

into the storehouse,

That there may be food in my house.

Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts,

And see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you,

and pour down upon you blessing without measure!

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

## suggested talking points

1. How do we inadvertently rob God? What consequences do we experience because we “rob God”?
2. What does God ask us to give from our earnings?
3. What are the benefits and blessings of giving tithes and offerings? Please share how tithing has become a part of your faith journey.





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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.

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## 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](http://StewardshipMission.org)



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