

Stewardship of Leadership

Lead by Example

Volume 3 ~ Number 4

Character and Integrity
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**Conflict in the Home, Workplace
and Community**
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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:

Volume 3 Number 1

The Textbook of Leadership

The Gift of Leadership

Setting the Compass

Volume 3 Number 2

Balance in Life

Servant Leadership

Stewardship

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Leading in Troubled Times

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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.
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: Proverbs 15:31–33

week one reflection

Deuteronomy 4:1–8

Now therefore, Israel, hear the statutes and ordinances I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I am commanding you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. You have seen with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal-peor: the LORD, your God, destroyed from your midst everyone who followed the Baal of Peor; but you, who held fast to the LORD, your God, are all alive today. See, I am teaching you the statutes and ordinances as the LORD, my God, has commanded me, that you may observe them in the land you are entering to possess. Observe them carefully, for this is your wisdom and discernment in the sight of the peoples, who will hear of all these statutes and say, “This great nation is truly a wise and discerning people.” For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and ordinances that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?

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

suggested talking points

1. Moses indicates that “wisdom” and “discernment” are both esteemed. In order to cultivate these two commodities, what is the action step that Moses required of the people?
2. Acknowledging the laws, precepts and statutes of the Lord are keys to wisdom. How do we ascertain the knowledge of these?
3. The Lord was wielding both blessing and judgment in this passage. He was giving the Israelites the land. How are discernment and judgment keys to receiving God’s blessing and gifts?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

suggested reading: Deuteronomy 11:19

week two reflection

Deuteronomy 4:9–14

However, be on your guard and be very careful not to forget the things your own eyes have seen, nor let them slip from your heart as long as you live, but make them known to your children and to your children's children, that day you stood before the LORD, your God, at Horeb, when the LORD said to me: Assemble the people for me, that I may let them hear my words, that they may learn to fear* me as long as they live in the land and may so teach their children. You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain blazed to the heart of the heavens with fire and was enveloped in a dense black cloud. Then the LORD spoke to you from the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. He proclaimed to you his covenant, which he commanded you to keep: the ten words, which he wrote on two stone tablets. At that time the LORD charged me to teach you the statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land you are about to cross into and possess

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

suggested talking points

1. It appears that this refers to “journaling”. Have you found this to be a common practice? How do you journal?
2. Writing down your “rhema” (God’s truth revealed to you) makes it easier to pass on these truths to those in your care. Is this true with your “charges”?
3. It would appear that God’s premium is passing on His truths to His children. Is this a main pursuit of yours?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

suggested reading: Matthew 6:33–34

week three reflection

Deuteronomy 5:6–21

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall not have other gods beside me. You shall not make for yourself an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or serve them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, bringing punishment for their parents' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation, but showing love down to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not invoke the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished anyone who invokes his name in vain.

Observe the sabbath day—keep it holy, as the LORD, your God, commanded you. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God. You shall not do any work, either you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your ox or donkey or any work animal, or the resident alien within your gates, so that your male and female slave may rest as you do. Remember that you too were once slaves in the land of Egypt, and the LORD, your God, brought you out from there with a strong hand and outstretched arm. That is why the LORD, your God, has commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD, your God, has commanded you, that you may have a long life and that you may prosper in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear dishonest witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

You shall not desire your neighbor's house or field, his male or female slave, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. After proving His steadfast love for His people, God gave 10 mandates for Godly living. First, we are to love and honor Him above all else. If we get this one right, everything else falls into place. Discuss.
2. If Jesus was the Old Testament fulfilled, are these commands still valid?
3. Certainly these are God's premiums. Each has a condition or consequence if not followed. How does this stack up with grace and mercy?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Character and Integrity

suggested reading: Philippians 4:19

week four reflection

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Be careful to observe this whole commandment that I enjoin on you today, that you may live and increase, and may enter in and possess the land which the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember how for these forty years the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the wilderness, so as to test you by affliction, to know what was in your heart: to keep his commandments, or not. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your ancestors, so you might know that it is not by bread alone that people live, but by all that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD. The clothing did not fall from you in tatters, nor did your feet swell these forty years. So you must know in your heart that, even as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD, your God, disciplines you. Therefore, keep the commandments of the LORD, your God, by walking in his ways and fearing him. For the LORD, your God, is bringing you into a good country, a land with streams of water, with springs and fountains welling up in the hills and valleys, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, of olive trees and of honey, a land where you will always have bread and where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones contain iron and in whose hills you can mine copper. But when you have eaten and are satisfied, you must bless the LORD, your God, for the good land he has given you.

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

suggested talking points

1. In verse 2 it lists four objectives of God for the Israelites in the wilderness. Can you name them?
2. God tried to develop the Israelites dependence on Him. What was crucial for them to learn in order to accomplish this?
3. What were the many provisions of God for the Israelites if and when they obeyed? Collectively name them?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

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

suggested reading: Philippians 2:1–5

week one reflection

I Corinthians 1:10–17

I urge you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I give thanks [to God] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say you were baptized in my name. (I baptized the household of Stephanas also; beyond that I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence,* so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Why do rivalries crop up? Why factions?
2. Discuss the statement "What joins us together is greater than what divides us."
3. Though we may not agree on everything, how do we maintain oneness in the Body of Christ?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

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

suggested reading: I Thessalonians 4:7–8

week two reflection

I Corinthians 6:12–20

“Everything is lawful for me,” but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is lawful for me,” but I will not let myself be dominated by anything. “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food,” but God will do away with both the one and the other. The body, however, is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take Christ’s members and make them the members of a prostitute? Of course not! [Or] do you not know that anyone who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For “the two,” it says, “will become one flesh.” But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

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

suggested talking points

1. Our bodies were created for the Lord and for holiness. How do we keep purity alive?
2. Why does the enemy, Satan, dilute this truth and traffic in this most important arena?
3. How do we remain single focused? Can we be a “good Christian coward” and run? Where might accountability be healthy?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

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

suggested reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

week three reflection

I Corinthians 11:17–32

In giving this instruction, I do not praise the fact that your meetings are doing more harm than good. First of all, I hear that when you meet as a church there are divisions among you, and to a degree I believe it; there have to be factions among you in order that [also] those who are approved among you may become known. When you meet in one place, then, it is not to eat the Lord's supper, for in eating, each one goes ahead with his own supper, and one goes hungry while another gets drunk. Do you not have houses in which you can eat and drink? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and make those who have nothing feel ashamed? What can I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this matter I do not praise you.

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying. If we discerned ourselves, we would not be under judgment; but since we are judged by [the] Lord, we are being disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

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

suggested talking points

1. This passage acknowledges that there are differences and disagreements in the Body of Christ. How does God use the "Blood and the Bread" to equalize this?
2. We must examine ourselves before communion or we will be judged. How do we acknowledge our sins and prepare for receiving the sacrament?
3. There is stiff judgment for those who drink the cup unworthily. How do we avoid the penalty and receive the blessing?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

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

suggested reading: Ephesians 4:12–13

week four reflection

I Corinthians 12:12–26

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, “Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.” Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.”

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Our physical body is illustrative of the Body of Christ. We are God’s hand and feet. Why should there never be bias, discrimination or neglect in the Body of Christ?
2. Dysfunction in the Body is rampant. How should we look at our brothers and sisters?
3. We should have a fellow feeling for those in the Body. We are to rejoice and to weep with them. How do we “tenderize” ourselves in order to enter into this level of love and fellowship?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

suggested reading: Ephesians 4:29

week one reflection

James 3:8-12

No human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This need not be so, my brothers. Does a spring gush forth from the same opening both pure and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, produce olives, or a grapevine figs? Neither can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Who can tame the tongue? Why is it said to be undisciplined and full of deadly poison?
2. What are the analogies given in this passage? Name them and elaborate.
3. How is it we justify praise for our God and unworthy talk to or about our brothers and sisters in Christ? What does the phrase mean, “This need not be so, my brothers.”?



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Reflections:

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Prayer Requests & Praise Items:

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Action Items:

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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

suggested reading: Luke 6:45

week two reflection

Proverbs 10:11–14, 18-21

The mouth of the just is a fountain of life,
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.
Hatred stirs up disputes,
but love covers all offenses.
On the lips of the intelligent is found wisdom,
but a rod for the back of one without sense.
The wise store up knowledge,
but the mouth of a fool is imminent ruin.
Whoever conceals hatred has lying lips,
and whoever spreads slander is a fool.
Where words are many, sin is not wanting;
but those who restrain their lips do well.
Choice silver is the tongue of the just;
the heart of the wicked is of little worth.
The lips of the just nourish many,
but fools die for want of sense.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Often the Scriptures refer to the mouth, the lips and the tongue. The mouth of the righteous produce wisdom, discernment and knowledge. What depicts a fool and a fool's mouth? What is the fool's consequence?
2. How do we get a "consecrated tongue"? How do we bridle it? How might memorizing Scripture play into this?
3. Who is prudent: What does it mean to have a tongue of "choice silver" or lips that feed and guide many?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

suggested reading: James 1:19–20

week three reflection

Colossians 4:2–6

Persevere in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving; at the same time, pray for us, too, that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak of the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, that I may make it clear, as I must speak. Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you know how you should respond to each one.

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

suggested talking points

1. One way to utilize our tongues for the good of the Kingdom and God's people is prayer. How have you made it a practice to offer thanksgiving and intercession from "your lips to God's ears"?
2. We are told to make the most of our time and buy up the opportunity by displaying our lives as we connect with unbelievers. Think back to a recent time when you displayed the heart of God in charity, compassion or generosity. What was the result?
3. Describe a time when your quiet, gracious demeanor and winsome speech produced an opportunity when someone asked about the hope that is within you. Did you share the gospel with them? How did it go?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Taming the Tongue

suggested reading: Proverbs 17:28

week four reflection

Proverbs 18:4–13 and 20–21

The words of one's mouth are deep waters,
the spring of wisdom, a running brook.

It is not good to favor the guilty,
nor to reject the claim of the just.

The lips of fools walk into a fight,
and their mouths are asking for a beating.

The mouths of fools are their ruin;
their lips are a deadly snare.

The words of a talebearer are like dainty morsels:
they sink into one's inmost being.

Those slack in their work
are kin to the destroyer.

The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the just run to it and are safe.

The wealth of the rich is their strong city;
they fancy it a high wall.

Before disaster the heart is haughty,
but before honor is humility.

Whoever answers before listening,
theirs is folly and shame.

With the fruit of one's mouth one's belly is filled,
with the produce of one's lips one is sated.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue;
those who choose one shall eat its fruit

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Gossip and slander have the intent to destroy. Can you explain the differences between the two?
2. “Loose lips” bring “a world of hurt” to others and to themselves. Can you share some of the pain a foolish person has caused you by the misuse of their lips and tongue?
3. Why does a haughty or proud spirit bring death? Why does humility bring honor and life?



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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

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



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