

## STEWARDSHIP QUOTES WITH HELP FROM THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP & THE BIBLE

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"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:21

"Few things are harder to put up with than a good example." - Mark Twain (1835-1910)

"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand." - Mother Teresa

"You cannot command or compel people into holiness, you cannot increase their spiritual stature one cubit by any kind of force or compulsion. You can do it only by sharing your life with them, by making them feel your goodness, by your love and sacrifice for them."

- Rufus M. Jones in *The Double Search*

Each of you must give as you have made up your own mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7

"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It's the only thing." - Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

"Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right." - Henry Ford (1863- 1947)

Responsible Stewardship Brings People Together, Helps Them To Shape Their Own Destiny, To Equally Share Our God-Given Resources And To Shape New Options For Everyone.

Give away your life, you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity. Luke: 6:38 from *The Message, The Bible in Contemporary Language*, Eugene Peterson

"Generosity is not merely a trait that pleases God; it is a practice which releases us from bondage to the ego, and also to things." - Albert E. Day (1884-1973)

Over A Period Of Seven Years We Are Invited To Let Go Of Everything That Is Not Indispensable, Beginning With What We Spend On Prestige.

"Get to know two things about a man - how he earns his money and how he spends it - and you have the clue to his character. You will know all you need to know about his standards, his motives, his driving desires and his real religion."

- Robert J. McCracken (1904-1973)

"I give because I want to, not because I ought to. I feel good knowing that my gifts of time and money are making a difference in the community and, hopefully, shaping spiritual moral values." - Robert Barnum (1925-)

"Lives based on having are less free than lives based on either doing or being." - William James (1842-1910)

"Always do right - this will gratify some and astonish the rest."

-MarkTwain (1835-1910)

"But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

- II Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

There are three kinds of conversion. First is conversion of the head. Second is conversion of the heart. Third is conversion of the wallet. - Martin Luther

Do We Look At Life From The Viewpoint Of Scarcity Or Abundance?

"A god is that to which we look for all good and in which we find refuge in every time of need. To have a god is nothing else than to trust and believe him with our whole heart. That to which your heart clings and entrusts itself is, I say, really your God."

- Martin Luther

There Are More People Who Act Their Way Into A New Way Of Thinking Than There Are Who Think Their Way Into A New Way Of Acting.

"People fail to understand that unless they are themselves willing to give, they will never receive."

-Norman Vincent Peale (1889-1995)

"Don't tell me where your priorities are. Show me where you spend your money and I'll tell you what they are." - James W. Frick (1924- )

### **Quotes from Anthony Robinson, Pastor Retired, Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle**

"People are funny about money."

"The 'gospel which meets my needs' must be replaced with the good news that reveals I did not know I had, while providing healing I never dreamed was possible." - D. Guder

"Many of our members have a strong habit of weak giving."

"Charitable giving should change your life in some way." - Silvio Nardoni

"I have found that the higher the level of secrecy the lower the level of giving." - M. Durrell

"Cutting the budget, scraping by, making last-minute appeals—no problem, we're used to all that. Now, if someone were to drop a million bucks on our church—that would be a real problem."

"Church members have changed from stewards into consumers. People are not returning a portion of their incomes to God...they are paying for services rendered by the church." - John and Sylvia Ronsvalle

" 'Stewardship' has become associated with little more than church management and finances. 'Stewardship' itself should represent the summing up of a Christian life." - Douglas John Hall

"I'll do anything but ask for money."