

Stewardship of Resources & Rights & Responsibilities

VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xODJuXGUyzQ&list=PLeXS0cAkuTPpJ6j3eH59WudJhJ4q1tpwH&index=9>

GOAL SUMMARY

The goal for this session is for young people to understand that stewardship is the result of recognizing that our resources are a gift from God. This inspires us to develop them responsibly and return them to the Lord.

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This video is from Ascension Press and features Fr. Mike Schmitz discussing four reasons for almsgiving. He starts by asking, "Does money make us happy?" He points to a study that looked at a study to give the answer, "Yes...as long as you spend it on other people." Then he outlines four reasons why we should give alms: because Jesus told us to, because other people matter, out of gratitude, and to be an image of Christ in the world.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways can money buy happiness? Why kind of things do you think you'd have to buy in order to buy happiness?
2. Giving out of our surplus is good. When was the last time you gave something out of your surplus? Do you go through your closet every year to donate clothes you don't need?
3. We are called to go deeper than giving out of our surplus. What is something that you can sacrifice in order to give to others?
4. What is one way God may be calling you to give your time? Your talent?
5. How can we give out of gratitude, not guilt?
6. How did Jesus make himself poor for our sake? How can we be made poor for others?

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Christ calls us to be generous with what he has given us. We are called to give. We are called to give according to our means and to be good stewards. It is in giving that we receive. We aren't just called to give money, but also our time and talent. We can always give our love. St. Peter put it this way, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, help us to be thoughtful givers and to be intentional about the ways that we give to others. Help us to do out of a spirit of gratitude and love for you! We love you Lord.
Amen.