

November 4, 2020

REFLECTION, PRAYER, AND STEWARDSHIP

Greetings!

During Pledge/Commitment month Sundays, I asked you to reflect, pray and I shared the definition of stewardship.

I think reflection and prayer are self-explanatory and I hope you have had a chance to spend some quiet time with God doing both!

I was preparing my "stewardship" talks for commitment month and was thinking about the word "Stewardship." It's not a word we use very often, except maybe at this time of year, like in Stewardship Moment or being a good steward. What exactly does stewardship mean? Webster has three definitions for stewardship:

1 is a person who looks after the passengers on a ship, aircraft or train and brings them food. Ergo, stewardess!

2 is an official appointed to supervise arrangement or keep order at a large public event like a sporting event.

The third definition is a person employed to manage another's property, especially a large house or estate.

So how does that reflect in our Christian lives? The first definition can be stewarding people. The Bible is filled with examples of how we should treat one another and serve one another.

The second is Stewarding Order: From the beginning God instructed us to be in charge of creation. That's a large event!

And the third definition is to Manage property. Or dealing with money, possessions and giving. This one is the definition most suited to stewardship moment.

We must see God as the **provider and source of all our resources** and not the owners. When we realize we are just the stewards of these resources and not the owners, it will change how we use our resources. I have never seen a U-Haul trailer attached to a hearse.

To reflect upon: Everything belongs to God because God made everything. John 1:1-3

And God is excited about **blessing us** as we faithfully care for His things. Luke 16:10-13

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In Christ,

Peg Pecher, Finance Chair

Commitment Sunday is Nov, 15, 2020

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