

These “stewardship one-liners” are designed to offer quick statements about stewardship. They could find themselves being “space fillers” in parish bulletins and newsletters. I believe every issue of the parish newsletter should contain a stewardship article of some sort, talking about some aspect of stewardship, or offering a personal witness. These “one-liners” should not take the place of a meaningful stewardship article. But they are very brief statements about stewardship that may help people see stewardship in a new way.

I cannot claim authorship of most of these “stewardship one-liners.” They’ve been passed on to be by the many stewardship mentors and friends that God has sent into my life over the years. With thanks to the many people who have given them to me, I offer them to you. Please accept this gift. I pray that you will find them useful.

Stewardship is everything we do after we say, “I believe.”

Stewardship is not about the church’s need to receive. It is about our need to give.

God gives so that you can.

Stewardship: What we do with the gifts God entrusts to us.

Stewardship can be defined as “Using the gifts god entrusts to us to do the work God is calling us to do.”

Stewardship is about discovering the gifts with which you’ve been entrusted, developing those gifts, and deploying them to do God’s work in the world.

Stewardship involves joyous acts of thanksgiving in response to all that God has entrusted to us.

Stewardship is about changing and transforming lives.

Grace, not guilt, guides our spiritually healthy lives of stewardship.

Stewardship is an important spiritual discipline.

Stewardship is about the way in which God is working in and through us.

We are God’s stewards. What we do grows out of our relationship with God.

Stewardship is a way of *being* in the world.

God gives us choices about how we use the money God entrusts to us. Our use of this money has spiritual as well as material implications.

Stewardship formation can be a way to develop a safe place for people to experience acceptance, forgiveness, and understanding over the sometimes difficult issues of money and faith.

Ninety dollars with God goes further than one hundred dollars without God.

Planned giving leads to planned living.

Gratitude received will rarely be in proportion to the effect expended by you or the benefit you bestow on others.

Meister Eckhart, the Christian mystic, asserted that if the only prayer we ever prayed was “thank you” it would be enough.

Stewardship: It’s the main work of the church.

Church Budget: The means by which we inform God of the limit of God’s grace in a given year.

If you have some other stewardship one-liners that you would be willing to share, please send them to be at: [brsteward@comcast.net](mailto:brsteward@comcast.net)