

“Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option.”

—Bishop John J. McRaith



Stewardship is as much about who you are as what you do. Consider how in our culture, we live on images. Your image of God and your image of yourself determine your attitude. Your attitude determines your behaviour. If you want to change behaviour, you start not with action nor even with attitude, but with images.

—Adapted from Bishop Robert Morneau

STEWARDSHIP
A VISION FOR LIVING AS A DISCIPLE
IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY

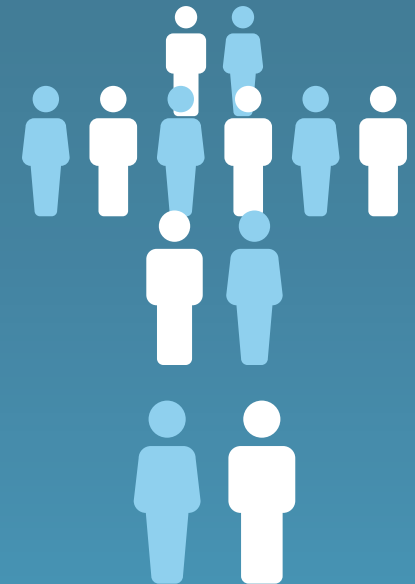


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WHO ARE YOU?



Images

If you say you are a Christian, you must practice stewardship. The starting point for good stewardship is self-image. What is your image of yourself? When you look in the mirror or compare your success to that of others, do you see a failure: someone who is defective? What would it mean to see yourself as one made in the image of the God of Love: blessed by God, gifted by God, loved by God?

Attitudes

Good stewards have an attitude of gratitude. Our culture and economy tell us that we need more. What we have is not enough; we are not good enough as we are. By rooting our self-image in the love of God, we defeat this attitude of want by recognizing the abundance of gifts and opportunities through which God empowers us.

Behaviour

The burden of need in the world and our own limitations can lead us to give up in discouragement. Good stewardship requires extra-ordinary humility. It requires that we give—above all else—our very selves. It has been said that humanity is God fully alive. And because we are made in God's image, we must reflect that love of God in our lives. A good steward gives generously and joyfully out of an attitude of abundance and an image of being blessed, gifted, and loved by God.