

# Stewardship is . . . . . . Talents.

Maybe you have heard the four “T’s” of stewardship (or at least the three “T’s”) of time, talents and treasure and the fourth “T” of tissue. God gives us all things. He gives us time, because each day is a gift from God. He gives us talents or abilities to accomplish the works that He has for us to do. He gives us treasures, the means to live in our world today. He gives us tissue, our bodies, which He expects us to care for as they are His temple.

We hear a lot about our treasure when we talk about stewardship, so let us take the time to talk a little more about God’s gift of talents. God gives and we are given to. God gives us the talents and abilities to do many things in our world. Some people have extra (ordinary) gifts and talents for music, some for sports, some for giving, some for crafts, some for arts, some for encouraging, some for serving, helping, and the list goes on and on. All of these gifts and talents are, indeed, gifts from God. Because as God gives us gifts and talents, He also moves in us to use those gifts and talents to His glory.

Unfortunately, there are some who would like to think that being a good steward means either giving of your time or of your talents or of your treasure. Maybe we have forgotten that God gives us all these, our time, our talents and our treasures (and our tissue) and we are to be good stewards of them all, using them to His glory.

God gives us talents and abilities which we use daily. Some people make good use of their talents and abilities and use them to make a living (which is one of the reasons God gives talents and abilities). We are good stewards of our God-given talents and abilities when we recognize that they are gifts from God and when we use them to His glory, whether in our work or in our service to Him.

All this brings us the reminder that our Lord has saved us to do the good works He gives us to do, and they are good works because He gives them to us to do, He moves in us to do them, and we do them to His glory.