

## Disciples as Stewards

A steward is a person who manages the affairs of a large and wealthy household. Our position in the Kingdom of God is more like that of a steward than that of an owner. We have been entrusted with many gifts, and this fall we will consider some of these gifts by asking three questions: What? Why? How? Each Sunday one Adult Education offering will expand and explore the sermon theme. (Additional offerings each Sunday will be Centering Prayer and *lectio divina* in the chapel, and the Acts Bible study in the living room.)

What is the nature of the gift? Describe it in light of Scripture and the wisdom of the saints.

Why is the gift given to us? What is its intended purpose?

How should we manage or invest the gift so that it blossoms and achieves its intended purpose?

As disciples, we are:

- Sept 12    **Stewards of the Gospel**  
I Corinthians 4:1-5; Deuteronomy 4:32-40; I Peter 4:7-11  
Adult education: "Stewardship: What are we called to do?" Jack Stewart, Fellowship #4
- Sept 19    **Stewards of Community**  
Ephesians 4:1-16; Acts 2:43-47; Deuteronomy 26:16-19; I John 3:1  
Adult education: "Community and Hospitality" Jack Stewart, Fellowship #4
- Sept 26    **Stewards of Gifts**  
I Corinthians 12; Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:10-13  
Adult Education: Theme expanded/explored: Carol Muller, Fellowship #4
- Oct 3      **Stewards of Tradition**  
I Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 28:16-20; II Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 1:1-5  
Adult Education: COS members interviewed by COS youth, Fellowship #4
- Oct 10    **Stewards of the Inner Life**  
Proverbs 4:23; Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 4:8-9; Matthew 6:19-24  
Adult Education: COS members interviewed by COS youth, Fellowship #4
- Oct 17    **Stewards of Time**  
Ephesians 5:3-20; Psalm 90; Ecclesiastes 3:1-9; Colossians 3:1-4  
Adult Education: Theme expanded/explored: TBA
- Oct 24    **Stewards of Love**  
Matthew 22:34-40; Deuteronomy 7:7-11; I John 4:7-21; I Corinthians 13  
Adult Education: Theme expanded/explored: TBA
- Oct 31    **Stewards of Money**  
II Corinthians 8 & 9; Deuteronomy 14:22-29; Numbers 18:21-32; I Corinthians 16:1-4  
Adult Education: Theme expanded/explored: Church of the Servant Deacons
- Nov 7     **Stewards of Vocation**  
Jeremiah 29:4-9; Matthew 4:1-11; I Corinthians 7:17-24; Acts 1:8  
Adult Education: Theme expanded/explored: TBA
- Nov 14    **Stewards of Creation**  
Job 10:1-3, 8-12, 18, 19; Genesis 1:26-31, 2:15-17; Psalm 148; Romans 8:18-26  
Adult Education: Theme expanded/explored: Ken and Gail Heffner
- Nov 21    **Stewards of Suffering**  
I Peter 1:6-9; Genesis 45:4-15; Philippians 1:12-17; II Corinthians 4:8-11, 11:16-33, 12:6-10  
(Congregational Meeting)
- Nov 25    **Stewards of Joy**      (Thanksgiving Day)  
Philippians 4:4; Psalm 48; I Peter 1:3-8; John 15:9-17