

## Stewardship

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Please come to worship this Sunday as we will be giving out money. We are going to begin our stewardship emphasis for the New Year this next Sunday and we are going to try something different. Normally for our stewardship activities we ask people to give money. We thought this year we would reverse that give out money to people.

We'd better explain a bit of that!

Our stewardship discussion this year will focus on the parable of the talents that Jesus tells in Matthew 25:14-30. In that parable a master gives out money to three servants. The parable focuses on what the servants do with the master's money, and how the master responds to what they do.

For our stewardship activities this winter, we are going to live out this parable. We are going to give out money. This Sunday, January 19 during our worship services, we will pass out envelops holding \$20, or \$15, or \$10. We will give you an envelope and ask you to use the money in a creative way. You will have 4 weeks to use the money as you see fit. On Sunday, Feb. 16 we will ask you to return your money

(and hopefully your profit!) plus an accounting of what you did, just like in the parable.

So what can you do with the money? Please be creative as you reflect on this. Here are some suggestions:

- Use the money to buy ingredients for cookies or cakes, bake them, and sell them in the church narthex on Sunday mornings.
- Buy materials and make something to sell.
- Buy a rake or other tool and hire out for yard work.
- Pool your money with others and try something of a bigger scale.
- And for a different approach, do something that supports the outreach of God's kingdom. You can give the money away to a ministry you respect, or help someone in need. In these cases you won't have a profit to return on Feb. 16 but the good Lord will be pleased with your stewardship!

Please use the church narthex on the Sundays between January 19 and Feb. 16 as a place to set up market and sell or display what you have. We envision this being a month-long celebration for the entire congregation.



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