


# Stewardship Bulletin



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## The Good Steward's Summer Suggestions

Do you have some extra TIME on your hands this summer? Many work schedules slow down somewhat during the summer months, so what portion of that extra TIME will you give to God? Here is a list of the Good Steward's top ten picks for summer stewardship of TIME.

1. Devote an extra ten minutes each day to formal prayer. Whether you choose contemplation, meditation, centering prayer, mantra, the Rosary, or other devotional prayer—just pick the best time each day and do it.
2. Currently, daily Mass is not being offered at many parishes due to the pandemic. If you cannot get to Mass, make time for the daily readings. The daily readings can be found on the USCCB website at: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/index.cfm>
3. Spend some time with Our Lord on retreat. Enjoy the reflective atmosphere of the Smoky Mountains at Living Waters Reflection Center, schedule a retreat at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville (north of Greensboro), or go to the quiet of the Well of Mercy in Hamptonville (north Iredell county).
4. Volunteer at a homeless shelter. The homeless, who are the beneficiaries of so much during the winter holidays, are often forgotten during the summer months.
5. At the mid-point of the year, perhaps you might want to take a look at your household budget, expenses, and income—maybe it is time to re-evaluate your charitable giving.
6. Visit with an elderly neighbor or relative. Many elderly people cannot go outside during the heat of the summer months.
7. Make an outside prayer garden. Then spend some quiet time each day reflecting on God's gifts of creation.
8. Plan a "social distancing" recreational activity with your family or friends.
9. Take an inventory of your summer clothes. Donate those that you don't wear any more to a homeless shelter or relief mission.
10. Enjoy the beauty of the summer months and take the time to thank God for His works of creation.

## Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

July 5, 2020  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The heart grateful to God needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some important ways to do that are through prayer, through service, and through giving of one's resources.

July 12, 2020  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

It is only the hand that is open to give that is open to receive. God cannot give us what we refuse to take and God cannot give to us when our hands and hearts cling to things.

July 19, 2020  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For everything is from you, and we only give you what we already have received from you."  
(I Chronicles 29:14-16)

July 26, 2020  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we accept the challenge of putting God first in our time and treasure, our attitudes, priorities and spiritual lives will definitely change.

August 2, 2020  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you given real thought lately to how good God has been to you? Do you give in proportion to what God has given you?

August 9, 2020  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ makes it quite clear that he expects us to be different. One of the ways he expects us to be different is by practicing stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

August 16, 2020  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. (II Corinthians 8:3)

August 23, 2020  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Love one another as I have loved you ... I have chosen you to go forth and bear much fruit."  
(John 15:12,16)

August 30, 2020  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure you have received."  
(I Peter 4:8-10)

### Stewardship Message in the Sunday Scripture

August 30, 2020  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

"... he will repay each one according to his conduct." (Matt 16:21-27)

## Stewardship Bulletin Announcements in Spanish

Spanish Translation taken from: *“Stewardship by the Book” Scriptural Quotations on Stewardship by Sharon Hueckel, published by Our Sunday Visitor*

05 de julio 2020  
14avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

“Permite, Señor, que todas Tus obras te den gracias, y permite que Tus fieles Te bendigan, “dice el Salmista. La administración de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro como bienes de Dios es esta actitud de agradecimiento por los muchos dones que Dios nos ha entregado.

12 de julio 2020  
15avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Que la administración de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro nos muestre que estamos entre aquellos que han escuchado el mensaje de Cristo y lo hemos aceptado, produciendo cien, sesenta o treinta veces!

19 de julio 2020  
16avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

“Los que son justos deben ser generosos,” dice la primera lectura de hoy. Si nuestras palabras y actos son generosos y desinteresados, nosotros seremos como la buena semilla en la parábola del Evangelio y seremos recogidos como el trigo en la cosecha del Señor.

26 de julio 2020  
17avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

“La ley de Tu boca es para mí más preciosa que miles de piezas de oro y plata,” dice hoy el Salmista. ¿La cantidad de mi ofrenda indica que yo honestamente podría decir lo mismo?

02 de agosto 2020  
18avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús alimenta a los cinco mil con cinco panes y dos peces. El mensaje de la administración es que los dones de Dios, compartidos, siempre serán más que suficientes.

09 de agosto 2020  
19avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Elías reconoció la voz de Dios no en el viento fuerte y poderoso, ni en el terremoto ni en el fuego, sino en el pequeño sonido de un susurro. Que nosotros encontremos la suficiente quietud en nuestro mundo clamoroso para escuchar Su voz y discernir lo que El nos está diciendo que hagamos y seamos.

16 de agosto 2020  
20avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo dice a los Romanos: “Los regalos de Dios y Su llamado son irrevocables.” ¿Para qué me está llamando Dios Hoy? ¿Cuáles son los dones que yo tengo para compartir?

23 de agosto 2020  
21avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En las lecturas de hoy, San Pablo recuerda a los Romanos —y a nosotros— que todas las cosas provienen de Dios: “Ya que todas las cosas existen de El, a través de El y por El.” Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios entienden que todo es regalado y comparten generosamente los regalos de tiempo, talento y tesoro con los cuales han sido bendecidos.

30 de agosto 2020  
22avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

En la segunda lectura de hoy. San Pablo exhorta a los romanos a la administración total. Hermanos y hermanas, insta a “ofrecer sus cuerpos como sacrificio vivo, santo y agradable a Dios.”

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