

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of Stewardship to the congregation

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Do It and Be Blessed

Two hundred years ago an Irish philosopher named Edmund Burke made a very wise statement. He said: “No one made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.”

He meant, of course, that when we do nothing, in terms of serving or giving or sharing, we are making a big mistake. Think of a pond with no outlet. It is likely to become stagnant. Reeds begin to grow along the edges. It becomes muddy. Often the oxygen content dissipates and the fish begin to die. A good clear vital pond has both a source of fresh water and an outlet also.

For good spiritual health we need to take in the love and nourishment of the Holy Spirit and we need to allow that love to flow out to others. The church can help us in that regard. It has ministry to more causes than we have time to mention: the mission field, the homeless, the mentally and physically ill, the unemployed, families in trouble, plus all the needs of the church building and the like. The list of good works goes on and on.

The point is this: Never think that because one can only do a little at times, one should do nothing. Do as much as you can for God and be blessed. More about this is in this month’s issue of *Stewardship*.

Prayer: Blessed Lord, you shower us with grace and the gifts of the Spirit; give us the courage to be your servants and good stewards of what we have.

Amen

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