

Scripture verses regarding stewardship

1. 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

This verse highlights the idea that our talents and resources are gifts meant to be used in service to others.

2. Luke 16:10 (ESV)

"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much."

Jesus teaches that stewardship begins with faithfulness in small things, which reflects our character and readiness for greater responsibility.

3. Genesis 2:15 (NIV)

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

This early example of stewardship shows humanity's role in caring for creation, emphasizing responsibility and diligence.

4. Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Co...

Top three questions churches are most commonly asked today about stewardship: [\[charlottediocese.org\]](http://charlottediocese.org), [\[christthes...ioroca.org\]](http://christthes...ioroca.org), [\[idlewildfo...dation.com\]](http://idlewildfo...dation.com)

1. What is stewardship—and is it just about money?

This is the most frequent question. Many people associate stewardship with fundraising or financial giving, but churches emphasize that stewardship is about **managing all of God's gifts**—including time, talents, relationships, and creation. It's a spiritual practice rooted in gratitude and responsibility.

Key message: Stewardship is a way of life, not just a financial transaction.

2. Why should I give if the church doesn't seem to need it?

This question reflects a misunderstanding of the purpose of giving. Stewardship is not about the church's need to receive, but **our need to give** as an act of worship and thanksgiving. Giving is a spiritual discipline that reflects trust in God and a desire to participate in His work.

Key message: Giving is about gratitude, not obligation.

3. How do I steward my time and talents—and does it really matter?

Many churchgoers want to know how they can contribute beyond financial support. Stewardship of time and talent means **serving others, volunteering, and using your gifts** to build up the church and community. Churches often encourage intentional, planned, and proportionate giving of time and talent.

Key message: Everyone has something valuable to offer, and stewardship includes using your gifts for God's purposes.

How does stewardship apply today?

1. Financial Stewardship

Managing money wisely—budgeting, saving, giving generously, and avoiding debt—is a key part of stewardship. It's about recognizing that our resources are not just for personal gain but can be used to bless others and support meaningful causes.

Example: Tithing, charitable giving, and ethical investing.

2. Time and Talent Stewardship

Using your time and abilities purposefully—whether in your career, volunteering, or personal growth—is a way to honor the gifts you've been given.

Example: Serving in your community, mentoring others, or pursuing excellence in your work.

3. Environmental Stewardship

Caring for the earth reflects the biblical call to "tend the garden" (Genesis 2:15). This includes sustainable living, conservation, and reducing waste.

Example: Recycling, reducing carbon footprint, supporting eco-friendly initiatives.

4. Relational Stewardship

Being intentional in relationships—family, friends, colleagues—is part of stewarding the people God has placed in your life.

Example: Practicing forgiveness, encouraging others, and building healthy boundaries.

5. Spiritual Stewardship

Growing in faith, sharing the gospel, and nurturing your spiritual life are ways to steward your relationship with God.

Example: Prayer, Bible study, discipleship, and church involvement.

How can I improve stewardship?

Improving stewardship is a journey of intentional growth, discipline, and alignment with values—especially if you're approaching it from a faith-based perspective. Here are **practical ways to improve stewardship** in your daily life:

1. Reflect and Reprioritize

Take time to evaluate how you're currently using your resources—time, money, talents, relationships. Ask:

- Am I using these wisely?
- Are they aligned with my values or faith?
- What areas feel neglected?

Tip: Journaling or prayerful reflection can help clarify where change is needed.

2. Set Stewardship Goals

Create specific, measurable goals for areas like:

- **Financial:** Budgeting, saving, giving.
- **Time:** Prioritizing meaningful activities.
- **Talents:** Volunteering or mentoring.
- **Spiritual:** Growing in faith and service.

Example: “I will give 10% of my income to charitable causes,” or “I’ll dedicate 30 minutes daily to personal growth or prayer.”

3. Practice Gratitude

Gratitude helps shift your mindset from ownership to stewardship. When you see everything as a gift, you're more likely to care for it well.

Try this: Start or end your day by listing 3 things you're grateful for and how you can steward them better.

4. Learn and Grow

Read books, listen to podcasts, or attend workshops on stewardship, financial literacy, time management, or spiritual growth.

Faith-based resources often offer practical and biblical insights into stewardship.

5. Be Accountable

Share your stewardship goals with a trusted friend, mentor, or small group. Accountability helps you stay committed and grow through encouragement.

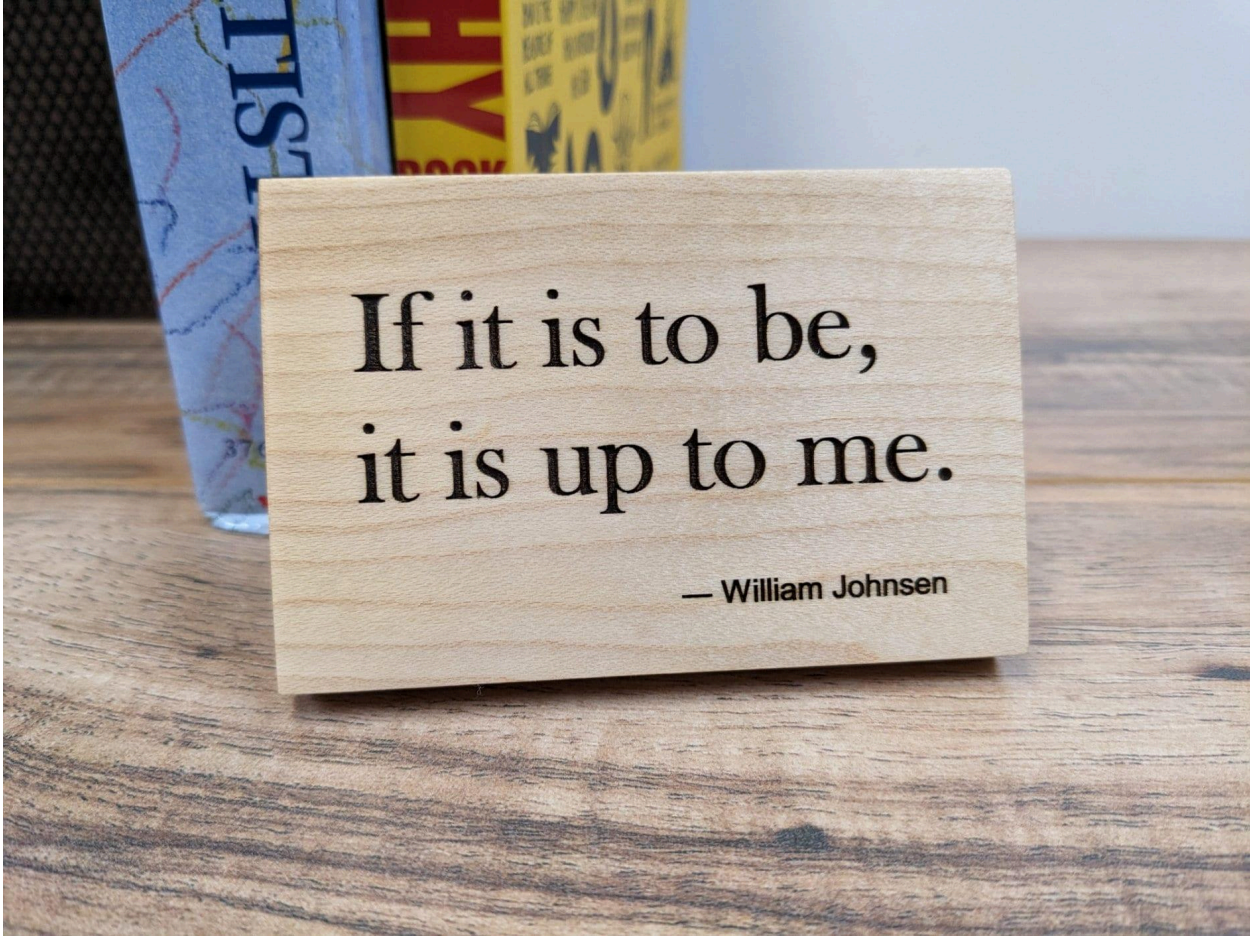
6. Serve Others

Stewardship isn't just about managing—it's about **serving**. Look for ways to use your resources to bless others, whether through generosity, hospitality, or acts of kindness.

I Chronicles 4:10 NKJV

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!”

So, God granted him what he requested.

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If it is to be,
it is up to me.

— William Johnsen