



The Twelve Gardens of Stewardship

Applying Christian Stewardship to Every Area of Our Lives

The Twelve Gardens of Stewardship for Families

Being good stewards includes recognizing God's gifts in every area of our lives and using these gifts responsibly, in love and justice toward ourselves as well as toward others. The 'Twelve Gardens of Stewardship' is a concept which identifies twelve different areas of our everyday life in which we should be mindful of conducting ourselves within the will of God. One of these areas is the Garden of Money.

GARDEN OF MONEY

A central insight of stewardship is that the material 'possessions' we have are not really ours. They belong to God, who has entrusted them to us so we can nurture, tend, and share them. Even the money we earn from our own hard work is a gift from God. Consider the ways God want us to use these gifts.

For Adults

Show your kids how you budget and how you make decisions about what to save or spend your money on. They need to know that good stewardship of money requires deliberate and planned decisions. It's especially important for our children to see us plan finances in the spirit that God & our faith has called us to.

For Children

Do you want to help people who don't have a place to live or enough food to eat? If you earn money or allowance, you can choose to help others by giving some of your money to a charity or mission.

Families Together

Consider a system to help your kids keep track of their money, such as separate jars or envelopes marked for saving, spending, charity, and perhaps even investing. This will help children to control their money and to visualize making good decisions about their finances.