



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 Relationships.

GARDEN OF RELATIONSHIPS

Being respectful to each other and caring toward one another is an integral part of our Christian faith. Jesus sums up the importance of our relationships with others with His simple and profound command that we "Do unto others as we would have them do unto us."

For Adults

Do you model good relationships with your friends, family members & neighbors? Avoiding gossip, making time for family intimacy, resolving problems through communication before they become difficult issues; these are some ways that we can be good examples to our children.

For Children

Everyone wants to be treated with respect. Can you think of a way you've treated someone that was not kind or not respectful? If so, God would want you to tell them you feel sorry about how you treated them and that you want to do better.

Families Together

Plan ways to keep meaningful contact with extended family members and close family friends you don't often see. Consider family discussions to work out potential problems or legitimate disagreements. Even when compromise is not appropriate, it's beneficial if all members of the family feel that their perspective is being acknowledged.