



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 History.

GARDEN OF HISTORY

God calls us to understand our past and to use that knowledge for a better future. The history of God's people in scripture shows us the consequences of disobeying God, as well as the rewards of living according to His will. This history, along with all of humanity's known history, is meant to be used for our benefit, as a guide.

For Adults

Give your children an awareness of the past through stories about their family and books about historical figures. Reading the newspaper, listening to the news on the TV or radio, or visiting news pages on the internet is also a good way to set an example for our children that we should pay attention to current events and 'history in the making'.

For Children

Ask your parents or older relatives about things they remember from when they were kids. You will be surprised how interesting their stories are!

Families Together

Visit a local history museum together. If your family goes on a trip, take the time to learn some history of the area before you leave. Knowing true stories of the places you'll see adds value to the experience, as well as fun!