



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 the Soul.

GARDEN OF THE SOUL

As people of faith, it's important for us to take time to care for our souls through prayer, worship, and actively maintaining our relationship with God. Nurturing ourselves by tending to our souls helps promote our inner peace and ultimately be more effective in every area of our lives.

For Adults

Thank God and praise Him in the presence of your children. Talk to them about your faith in God and let them see you acknowledge His gifts and goodness. Talk to them about your faith in God's will when you're challenged with difficulties, as well.

For Children

When you pray, concentrate on what you are saying to God. It helps to close your eyes and imagine God listening to you, caring very much about you and being with you – because He is!

Families Together

Having a prayer 'plan' makes it more likely that the family will make time to pray together – in the car on the way to school, in the morning or bedtime, during meals. What starts as a prayer plan will eventually become a valuable family ritual.