



# 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 Creation.

### GARDEN OF CREATION

We hear much in our secular world about taking care of earth's environment. But being good stewards of the earth and God's creatures on it has always been humanity's particular duty. God gave us dominion over creation – the authority and the responsibility to take good care of the physical world that He gave us.

#### For Adults

Talk to your kids about some of the ways conditions of the environment have improved recently. The air and water is cleaner in many places than they were a generation ago. Some animals have come off the endangered species list. It's important for children to realize that we can make a positive difference in the garden of creation.

#### For Children

Take care of your neighborhood and school and remember to not litter. You can make a project of going around your neighborhood with a friend and picking up any trash you see.

#### Families Together

Take some time as a family to talk about ways to be more 'green' in your home – such as using cold water in the laundry, running only full loads in the dryer and the dishwasher, turning the computer off or on standby when not being used, recycling waste, etc.