



Twelve Gardens of Stewardship

Prayer Service

Gardens of Technology and the Mind

Let us Pray:

Lord,

You are the sower and reaper, the planter and harvester. We are eager to cultivate the gifts in the fertile soil of hearts open to You.

Reading from Scripture:

"Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge."

Prov 18:15

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things." *Phil 4:8*

Meditation – How are we cultivating our gifts?

Do I use the technology as a gift from God, to learn and expand my mind? Do I thank God for the technologies of modern life available to me, such as a computer, digital camera, car, etc.? Do I use technology in my life to become a fuller person, according to God's will?

Closing:

Lord,

The seed that fell on rich ground yielded a harvest of thirty, sixty, or one hundred fold. May the seeds that You have planted in our hearts, in all the gardens where we are called to be good stewards, produce a rich harvest for building up Your Kingdom. Amen.



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Reflections

*Thoughts on each of the Twelve Gardens within the Four Pillars of Stewardship:
Prayer, Formation, Hospitality and Service*

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We live in a vastly different world from the one of just fifty years ago. Our technological advances allow us to do things both good and bad that were not even thought of just a generation ago. It is our daily choice as to how to use the gifts of technology that surround us.

Prayer

How does technology make life easier today? Thank God in prayer for those things. How is modern technology used for sin? Even the rampant materialism and individual gratification that is promoted through the technological media can be sinful. Consider a prayer that asks God to let His will be done - or create a prayer of your own, which asks God's help in promoting technology for His purpose.

Formation

Consider how technology pertains to your personal and professional life. Are you being called to learn more about any forms of technology? Consider ways to ensure your knowledge of technology as it continually advances.

Hospitality

Think of the computer and your use of it. What are the opportunities to use it for good? How can you avoid using email or the internet in ways that are not pleasing to God, such as hurting others, albeit inadvertently? What ways could you use your computer to enhance other people's lives?

Service

There are many opportunities to use technology to help others. Consider tools available to you that God may want you to use for a special project or ministry.