



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 Arts.

GARDEN OF THE ARTS

Creativity is a gift from God and is manifest in every form of art. Stewardship of the arts includes recognizing that we have each been given a measure of this gift, and are called to nurture and use our creativity, as well value the creativity of others.

For Adults

Do you make art a regular part of your life? Consider how you value the various forms of art; visual arts, performance arts, etc. In what ways are your children exposed to the arts?

For Children

Choose a favorite painting or musical piece to share with your parents and tell them why you like it and why it makes you happier.

Families Together

Choose a time to go together to a musical performance, the theater, an art museum or gallery. (Free concerts are often available in the summer months, as well as occasional free gallery evenings all year.) Discuss how experiencing the arts can make us better appreciate God's gifts of inspiration and creativity.