



# The Twelve Gardens of Stewardship

*Applying Christian Stewardship to Every Area of Our Lives*

## Twelve Gardens of Stewardship for Families

### Reflection for Parent Packets

#### **GARDEN OF MONEY**

A central insight of stewardship is that the material ‘possessions’ we have are not really ours. They belong to God, who has entrusted them to us so we can nurture, tend, and share them. Even the money we earn from our own hard work is a gift from God. Consider the ways God want us to use these gifts.

##### **For Adults**

Show your kids how you budget and how you make decisions about what to save or spend your money on. They need to know that good stewardship of money requires deliberate and planned decisions. It’s especially important for our children to see us plan finances in the spirit that God & our faith has called us to.

##### **For Children**

Do you want to help people who don’t have a place to live or enough food to eat? If you earn money or allowance, you can choose to help others by giving some of your money to a charity or mission.

##### **Families Together**

Consider a system to help your kids keep track of their money, such as separate jars or envelopes marked for saving, spending, charity, and perhaps even investing. This will help children to control their money and to visualize making good decisions about their finances.