



# Twelve Gardens of Stewardship

## Prayer Service

### **Garden of Money**

#### **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:**

"What do you possess that you have not received?" *1 Cor 4:7*

"The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern."  
*Prov 29:7*

"So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." *Mt 6: 31-33*

#### **Meditation – How are we cultivating our gifts?**

Am I too attached to my possessions? What would I not be able to walk away from? Do I give 'from the top' of my material gifts, or from whatever is left over after I've spent on myself? Do I give financial support to local, national, and/or world charities? Have I pondered the value of my non-material blessings as compared to the value of my tangible possessions? Do I trust God to meet all of my needs?

#### **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.