



Twelve Gardens of Stewardship

Prayer Service

Garden of Relationships

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:

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another . . . and overall these, put on love . . ." *Col 3: 12-14*

Meditation – How are we cultivating our gifts?

Are there any friends or family members I want to spend more time with? Do I prioritize spending time with the people most important to me? Is there someone to whom I should tell, or tell more often, that I love? Am I willing to take risks to reach out to others? Do I listen carefully when my friends or family are talking to me? Do I have any unresolved issues with a family member or friend that is getting in the way of me loving them, or of them loving me? Do I need to forgive anyone? Do I spend time in prayer for my friends and family members?

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.