

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 Citizenship.

GARDEN OF CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship relates to how we strive to be good stewards of our communities - both our religious faith communities as well as our secular communities, such as local and national governments. A community of good citizens helps enable its people to live as God intends.

For Adults

Talk to the children in your home about the importance of voting. Let them see you reading the voter's pamphlet. If you go to community meetings, talk to them about being involved in the community and, if appropriate, perhaps bring them to the meetings with you.

For Children

Make it a point to read news articles or listen to some news on the radio or TV daily. Or ask your parents what is happening in our country and the world. Staying aware of current events is one of the best ways to prepare for being an adult steward of your citizenship.

Families Together

When it comes time to vote, let your kids know why you choose to vote the way you do and ways your decisions are influenced by your faith.