

Your Pastor and Stewardship

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Introduction

- A Pastor is critical to a successful Stewardship process in any parish

Topics of Discussion

- Confusion over the term “Steward
- Difference Between Stewardship and Fund Raising
- Moving Parishioners to the next level
- Pastor’s Life An Example
- Getting Him on Board

Confusion over the Term

A Caretaker

A Manager

A Custodian

An Agent

An Ambassador

A Warden

More Confusion

- *Modern Understanding:*
- One who shares one's own resources with another.
- *Wrong answer.*
- It misses the Relational element!
- **You can't steward what you own.**

A Steward is:

- Not the owner but has a relationship with the owner
- Trusted to care for the resources of that owner
- The Responsible one
- The Grower

Difference Between Stewardship & Fund Raising

- Fund Raising:
 - ◆ Pays bills
 - ◆ Balances the budget
 - ◆ Fills the thermometer
 - ◆ Focuses on the Church's need to receive

- Stewardship:
 - ◆ Focuses on the Spiritual
 - ◆ Grateful Hearts
 - ◆ New level for T,T,&T
 - ◆ Focuses on the givers need to give

Different Questions

- How much is God asking of me?
Not
- How much does the church need?
- What is God calling me to give?
- Not
- What does the church need to receive?

Move to the next Level

- Churches are made of:
 - ◆ Spectators
 - ◆ Philosophers
 - ◆ Hitchhikers
 - ◆ Club Members
 - ◆ Part-timers
 - ◆ Hero Worshipers
 - ◆ Bottom Liner
 - ◆ Benefitters
 - ◆ Ghetto Believers
 - ◆ Stewards

Many Pastors Forget

- Stewards of a portion of the Bishop's Flock:
 - ◆ Oversee
 - ◆ Meet its needs
 - ◆ Make it grow
 - ◆ Answer its well being

Sharing the Faith

- Give personal witness
- Set an example
 - ◆ Not bragging
 - ◆ Too personal
 - ◆ Unprepared
- Talk %age Giving
- Preach the Word
 - ◆ Be Positive
 - ◆ Be Biblical
 - ◆ Talk Mission

Get Him on Board

Remind Him Why People Give and Belong.

1. Grateful
2. Looking for Meaning
3. Like to help others
4. Response to Gift of Salvation
5. Because someone asked
6. They trust the asker
7. Believe in the mission

If all else fails

- Pray for his eternal reward be granted – soon!