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All my money is a gift. I am trusted as a manager of this resource. Whether I use it to purchase food, pay the mortgage or rent, enjoy life's pleasures, provide transportation or support the ministry of this church, I am seeking to function as a faithful manager. No portion of my money is different from any other portion. All of it is committed to God's service and glory in a variety of ways.

In grateful response to God's grace, I commit a generous proportion of my resources for God's work in the world. With similar dedication I use the balance to obtain the commodities necessary for life. All my resources are tools with this to practice my stewardship.

The Christian life is one of giving thanks for what Jesus has done for him/her, most importantly being eternal life. When we think of the many ways He has blessed us with gifts (resources, times, and abilities), our only true response is to give back to the giver. Our church's stewardship appeal incorporates an opportunity to say, "Thank you" to Jesus for what he has given us. It may have been some time since we thought about the use of money and how we best manage the use of it. Now is a good time to think about this again. We encourage everyone to reflect upon the spiritual and earthly blessings we all have. Yes, God has been good to us!

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