



## Video Points of Further Reflection

1. The definition of stewardship as lived in the Diocese of Wichita is: *Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.*

***In the video, where or how did you see stewardship? What examples of gratitude, recognizing and receiving gifts, and sharing of gifts did you see?***

2. The pillars of stewardship are the manner in which we make our grateful response visible. These pillars are: hospitality, prayer, formation, and service.

***Throughout the video, all four pillars are visually depicted. Can you identify them?***

3. As a Church, we strive to:
  - a. Recognize, strengthen and support the role of the family in the life of the church
  - b. Encourage unity and broaden parish ministry as parishioners share their gifts generously, sacrificially and proportionately
  - c. To provide opportunities both in the parish and diocesan family responding to the Baptismal call to discipleship

***How does Stewardship begin in the family? How does one's vows at baptism relate to the Stewardship Way of Life?***

4. The history of stewardship
  - a. The stewardship journey for the Diocese of Wichita began in the early 1970's when the concept of stewardship took form in practice and action. It was understood as a way of life not just a short term practice.
  - b. From the parish it took root diocesan wide
  - c. Stewardship as a way of life, the understanding that all is gift, resulted in a change in individual lives and parish lives.
  - d. The overall mission of the parish grew and expanded to provide for the spiritual, educational, and social needs of parishioners and their community.
  - e. We understood that stewardship is a shared responsibility.

*Oftentimes new ideas or ways of life begins from leaders then trick down to followers. How did the Stewardship Way of Life in the Diocese of Wichita flow the opposite, from followers of Christ to diocesan leaders?*

5. Stewardship is a choice to become a disciple of Jesus Christ by recognizing everything we have is a gift from God and accepting an obligation to give back to God through the parish a consistent and honest offering of time, talent, and treasure.

*How does the key concept of “choice” and “everything we have is a gift from God” create a Way of Life rather than a “program?”*

6. Stewardship is characterized by hospitality, prayer, formation and service therefore a steward is one who:
  - a. Attends Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligations in their parish;
  - b. Participates in the sacramental life of the church and in the parish religious education programs for children and adults;
  - c. Completes an annual pledge of time, talent, and treasure, and strives to keep their commitment.

*Of these characteristics of an active steward, which is the most difficult to live?*

7. Stewardship is rooted in scripture, recognizing we, as individuals, are not owners of our lives but rather are stewards or managers. It is through the Stewardship Way of Life our baptismal call to discipleship is fulfilled through the mission and ministry of the parish and gives us confidence and hope of our future.

*Can you think of any scripture references or parables which teach the Stewardship Way of Life?*

8. In the words of Saint Paul, “I am confident of this: that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Phil 1:6

*What “good work in you” has God begun?*

