

Stewardship  
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Tom Mitchell



Good Morning!

I'm Tom Mitchell

3<sup>rd</sup> pew on the left

Aisle seat

8:30 service

Usually

I'm here this morning to help kick off our  
Fall Intended Giving Campaign

Our Stewardship Committee decided we should focus on.....

You got it,

**STEWARDSHIP!**

So, today, and over the next few weeks we will take a few minutes at  
each service and talk about

- The definition of stewardship in the Bible.
- Bible verses about stewardship.
- Examples of stewardship in the Bible.
- And Your stewardship – who's Lord in your life?

So, like all good teachers, I will start with Merriam Webster....

A steward....

“one employed in a large household or estate to manage  
domestic concerns”

Hmmm...

Let me ask you to raise a hand if you respond “yes” to any of these  
questions – and keep your hand thur the last answer.

*Has someone ever asked you to watch their kids? - Hands up!*

*Are you responsible for managing an office or people on behalf of an employer?*

*Do you work in a garden?*

*Do you care for another – older or younger?*

Hands up! Look around – you are all stewards!

You can put your hands down now.....

If you were a steward in Ancient Greek culture – you were not the owner of the house.

Instead, you would have been the manager of the house and the household affairs.

In light of Bible verses about stewardship, which we will hear about in coming weeks, you'll see that your life is not your own.

Your life is on loan from God – regardless if you acknowledge this or not – and God calls you to STEWARD everything about your life for his glory and the good of others.

So, when we talk about STEWARDSHIP in church we are talking about how we manage God's gifts to us, including -

our bodies, our skills, our time, the environment and our finances.

**STAY TUNED!**

For you will be receiving a mailing this week about our fall campaign,

And we will finish that up on Reformation Sunday, Oct 27, with the opportunity to make a financial commitment to the ministries of Christ here at St Matthew for 2020.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION**