

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 24, 2010

Stewardship of Treasure

Today is the third Sunday in Ordinary Time and it is also the third in our series on Stewardship. Today at St. Luke's, we will be reflecting on Stewardship of our treasure or money.

When we think of stewardship of treasure, two questions immediately jump up in our minds that beg an answer. Firstly, **“why do I have to share my treasure?”** After all, I work very hard to earn it and to use it wisely. The second question is **“If I wish to be a steward, what do I need to do?”** The **First reading from Nehemiah addresses these two questions with remarkable clarity.** It is about realizing that it all belongs to the Lord, including my treasure. Therefore I am called upon to be a joyful giver and to share with those in need.

The second reading from Paul to the Corinthians clarifies for us that we are co-responsible for each other since we are members of the same Body of Christ. I therefore use my treasure to help those in need. This week we celebrate Christian unity and once again we are reminded of our relationship towards others.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus walked so strongly with the Holy Spirit that people were rushing to come and meet Him. **So how can we use the anointing of the Holy Spirit in our own lives to draw people to Christ? Obedience is the key.**

Questions for the week:

How can I use my treasure in obedience to the Spirit?

How can I be a joyful giver?

How can I reach out and help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti?

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