

Reflections Journal

2020

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

**Faith and Financial Well-Being:
Shifts in the Spirituality of Stewardship**

REFLECTION & RESPONSES HANDOUT

Use these handouts to take notes and record your responses. All content may be used in your ministry setting. Appropriate acknowledgement is appreciated. Let the Spirit lead!

How does your faith inform your personal stewardship beliefs values, assumptions and choices about financial well-being?

Question 1

What word comes to mind first when I think about my financial well-being?

Question 2

Record the first feeling or phrase that arises when I think about my financial well-being.

Question 3

How does talking about money, or not talking about money, show up in our faith journey, in our relationships and impact our peace of mind?

History and Longing

1. Describe your early memories of money and resources.
Was money abundant, sufficient, or scarce?
2. What feelings does the topic of money trigger?
3. How do those feelings and history show up in your faith and your financial choices?

Individual or Group Exercise

What was your first job? What values did that job teach you?

← How does your household...

- Create a budget
- Pay off a debt
- Fund pension/IRAs
- Purchase a car
- Plan a vacation
- Determine annual commitment to charity or church

How does your church... →

- Create the budget
- Hold a commitment campaign
- Build an addition
- Purchase a van
- Start a new mission
- Create a scholarship fund

Note the similarities and differences between personal and congregational conversations and decision-making processes.

Vision Box

Power and Possibilities

1. List powers you know you have. These could be gifts, talents, or skills.

2. List powers God has given you that you haven't always used.

I will share this with _____ by _____.

Reflection Questions and Power Conversation Prompts

- Is money a source of power or of possibilities?
- Is our financial well-being dependent on our personal faith and power or on the economic power of money?
- When we realize our power lies within, rather than from money, what becomes possible?
- What if our authentic power lies in the possibilities we create by giving?

- What could change about your understanding of money and its power in your life so you could be more free?
- What becomes possible when you shift to an empowered way of being?

Freedom and Responsibility

My Freedom	My Responsibility
<i>After building your list, circle the items that are impacted by money.</i>	

Make a List of the Money Conversations to Calendar

Who	What	When

Re-distributive Justice Ideas or next steps

Courage and Joy

My Story Board

Blessings

What is the value of the debt we owe God for the gift of these sources of joy?

Tithes and Offerings