

Often, when people begin their stewardship journey, they do so somewhat reluctantly. They point out that they don't have extra time to give... their budget is limited... they have no talents...

And yet, in spite of a lot of initial reservations, something in the message catches their attention. They begin the journey.



***Is it an easy journey?***

**No.** Stewardship is a counter-cultural message.



***Is it a logical process?***

**No.** Stewardship is a matter of the heart, not the head.



***Will my life be changed?***

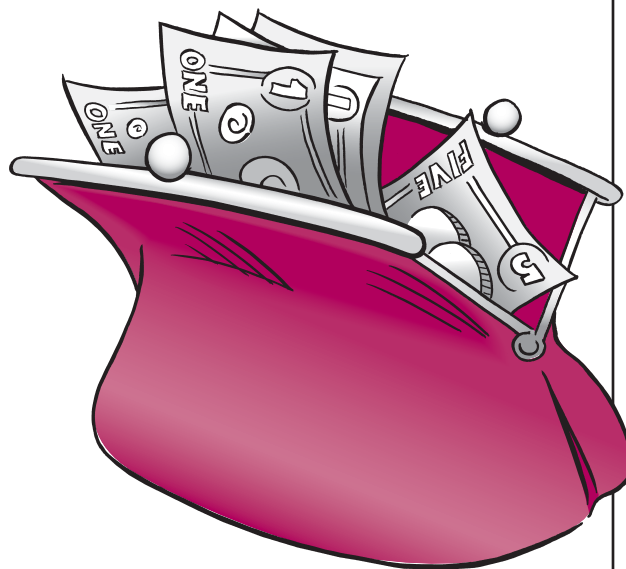
**Yes!.** When stewardship becomes a "Way of Life" instead of just a concept, our lives are changed for the better.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?  
READ ON...

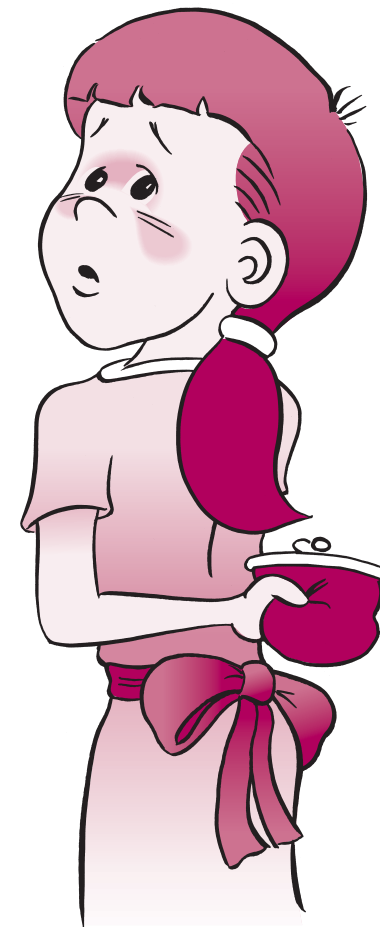
WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

**"Give, and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you."**

*(Luke 6:38)*



STEWARDSHIP  
A WAY OF LIFE



***What's in it for me?***

LIVING AS A  
*Good Steward*

# STEWARDSHIP

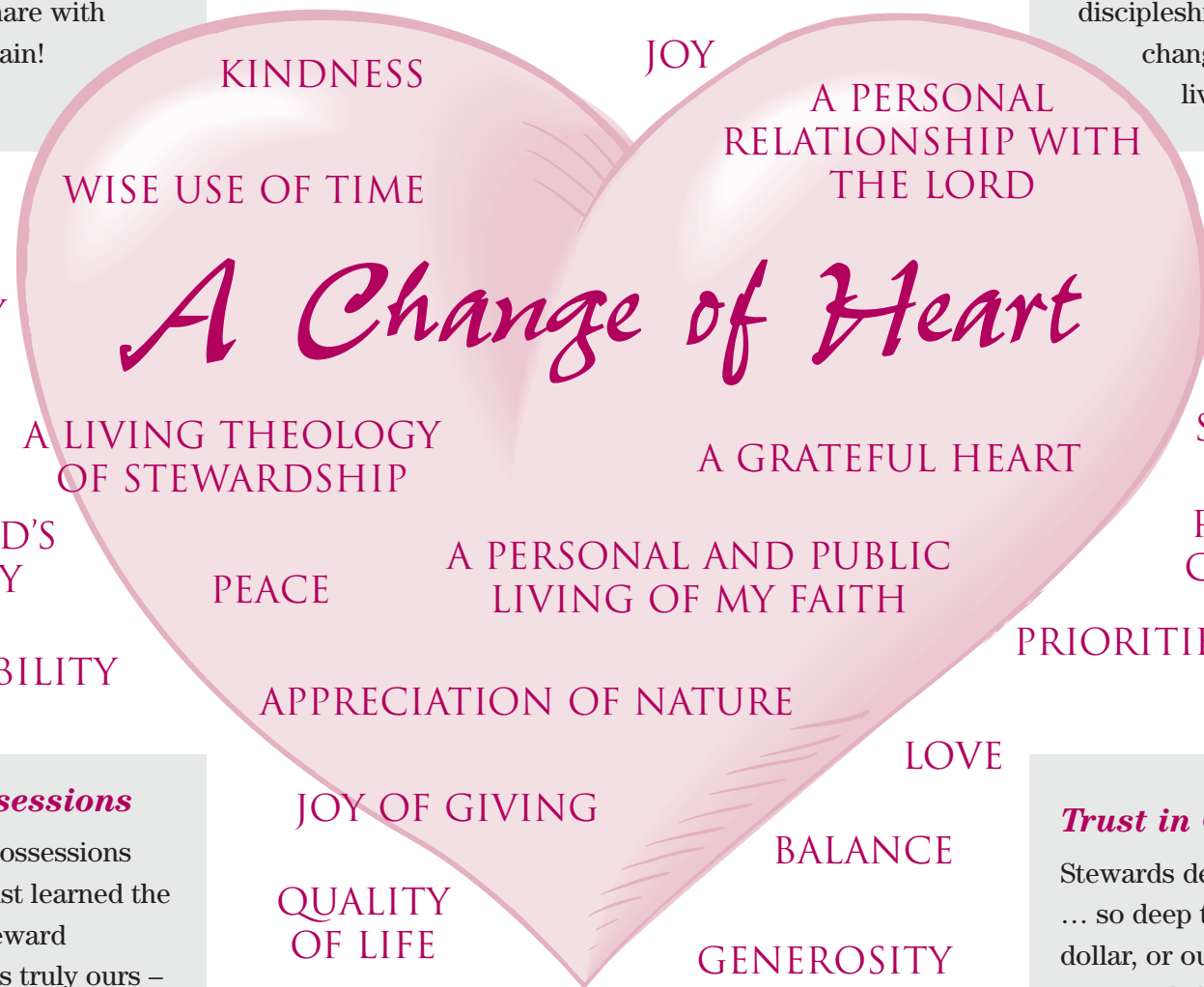
## A WAY OF LIFE

### *A Need to Give...*

We all have a need to give back in gratitude for what has been given to us. But when we give, an interesting phenomenon occurs. We give, and more comes back to us! And we have more, that we want to share with others ... and we give again! Giving feels good!

### *Stewardship – Be A Disciple of Jesus...*

Once we choose to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, living stewardship as a way of life of is no longer optional! Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives.



DISCIPLESHIP

SIMPLICITY

HUMILITY

TRUST IN GOD'S GENEROSITY

ACCOUNTABILITY

FREEDOM FROM POSSESSIONS

PATIENCE

SELF-CONTROL

RELEASE FROM CONSUMERISM

PRIORITIES

A NEED TO GIVE

### *Freedom from Possessions*

So often we hold on to possessions like a toddler who has just learned the word "mine." A good steward recognizes that nothing is truly ours – we're only caretakers. When we accept this, the burden of holding on to our possessions is lifted.

### *Trust in God ...*

Stewards develop a deep trust in God ... so deep that we can give our last dollar, or our last fifteen minutes of time, with full confidence that there will always be enough money and enough time to meet our own needs.

## A MODEL FOR LIVING