

# Values and Leadership

# Food for Thought

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).

When we are good stewards of resources it shifts our thinking to utilizing all that we have in a way that is fruitful in all areas of business. Leaders in the for-profit and not-for-profit world alike need to not only understand stewardship principles, but live them. We have been entrusted with many gifts and we have a responsibility to use those in the best way possible.

As leaders, we are responsible to ensure good stewardship at all levels of the organization. This requires a focus on the well-being of all those within the organization. When we empower followers to proactively seek ways to serve the result, is a collaborative and effective environment that promotes stewardship in all areas of the organization from money to time to people.

# In the News

#### How Jesus lived out true stewardship

When we realize that everything we have is a gift that we have been entrusted with, it helps us understand how to best use our resources. After all, "God owns it all, and we manage His stuff."

The invisible scandal: How bad debt and poor stewardship are killing the church's reputation Using our financial resources wisely takes effort and strategy but is an important element of business and stewardship. When we are entrusted with so much we have a responsibly to handle it with integrity. "This is not a money issue. It's an integrity issue."

#### What motivates your drive to be more productive

With the many advances in technology in today's society, people are beginning to fear for their jobs and when we are driven by fear it will impact our productivity. We must recognize the importance of what God has entrusted us with and do our best to "improve and increase what we've been given."

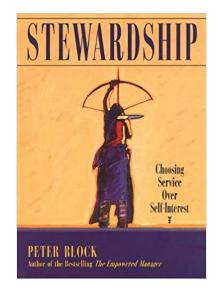
#### Serving the people first: The lesson of stewardship

Stewardship is not just a good business strategy that increases profitability. It is an environment you must work to create. When people feel valued and supported it creates a workplace where stewardship is the norm.

#### Think like a patriot, perform like a steward

Stewardship may start at the top, but it is everyone's responsibility. This means that employees at

all levels of an organization must be encouraged to seek new ways to serve.



## **From our Shelves**

By shifting the way organizations distribute power and control they will begin to see a new and improved way of functioning and managing resources. Block explores the importance of good stewardship in business by examining the structure and practices of an organization.

#### Stewardship: Choosing Service Over Self-Interest

Peter Block Berrett-Koehler Publishers (2013)



Above are articles and items in the news that we've come across that are themed to organizational leadership, values and ethics.

Please forward this to anyone else you think might be interested - there's a link below to do so. And should you come across an article of interest, we'd be happy to hear from you and look at including it in a future feed.

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