

Lesson 36: Why is vigorous Christian stewardship essential to the church life and work?

Presentation of the Lord

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2021

General Concept: Vigorous Christian stewardship is essential to our church's life and work because it manifests our affirmation and response to God as the Creator in whose will and power all things have come into being.

Biblical References: Psalm 24:1 & Hebrews 4:13

Age Level Concepts

- Vigorous Christian stewardship is our affirmation and response to God as the Creator in whose will and power all things have come into being.
- Our cheerful and faithful giving is our expression of our vigorous Christian stewardship.
- Our life, body, mind, and property belongs to God.
- We respond to God's faithfulness by giving cheerfully our tithes, time, talents, and possessions.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the sessions the learners are expected to

- Define and elaborate on their understanding of the meaning of vigorous Christian stewardship.
- Explain the importance of vigorous Christian stewardship as essential to the church's life and work.
- Design ways how the young people can be able to observe a vigorous Christian Stewardship.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory, Pictures Collage)

Biblical Background

Stewardship is based on the idea that all we have and all we are come from God. To thank God for our many blessings, we must give back a portion of the time, talent, and treasure that God has blessed us with. Stewardship is not a program, rather it is an attitude, a way of life. Vigorous means strong, healthy, and full of energy or life. To have vigorous stewardship is to engage in doing stewardship with full of life and doing it as part of one's life living.

Stewardship calls for us to share ourselves, to be a holy people, to step up, and to take the risk of walking with our savior, Jesus Christ. We are all called to be disciples and caretakers of God's many gifts. Stewardship is not about tithing, sacrificial giving, or fund raising. Stewardship is about conversion and discipleship. (Caring and Sharing: A Guide for Stewardship for Children and Youth. <https://charlestdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Caring-Sharing.pdf>)

A well-known Christian educator, Dr. Elmer Homrighausen, has also said that a deep sense of Christian stewardship is what makes Christian growth possible. He says that without a deep sense

of gratitude for what God has done for us, Christian nurture cannot take place. Such gratitude, which we have attempted to show as the distinguishing mark of Christian stewardship makes Christian education possible. (Paul W. Denier, *Toward a theology of Christian Stewardship*. 1967)

Psalm 24:1

“The earth is the Lord’s and all the things thereof.” (Psalm 24:1). The whole world and all that is in it belongs to God alone. God is the Creator of the earth thus, God owns everything. This is to say that all our worldly goods- material, natural, personal, family, collective or corporate all belonged to God who is the very source and author of all things good. It also says that God has the full right of everything which in a sense similar to our right of property in anything that is the production of our hands, or our labor or skill. We claim that as our own. We feel that we have a right to use it, or to dispose of it, as we choose. So also, God, in the highest possible sense, has a right to the earth, and all which it produces, as is all of it the creation of God’s hands, and the fruit of God’s culture and skill. This is what Job was trying to imply when he said, “The Lord gives and the Lord takes away.”(Job 1:21)

As part of God’s creation, God has a claim on God’s people- upon their services, upon their talents, upon all that they can acquire by labor and skill; God has a right to all that flew in the air, or that walk the earth, or that swim in the sea. God is the universal supreme Being who owns everything. This is to say that we are all accountable to God for all that constitutes the totality of ourselves. And in the final day, each one will be made to account for all things.

(Verse-Verse Bible Commentary. Psalms 24:1. <https://www.studylight.org/commentary/psalms/24-1.html>)

Hebrews 4:13

God which has all its efficacy, is wise and all-knowing. God knew how to construct God’s word, to suit it to the state of all hearts; God has given it that infinite fullness of meaning, so to suit it to all cases. God is not just all-knowing, but also omnipresent that the whole creation is constantly exposed to God’s view; nor is there a creature of the affections, mind, or imagination, that is not constantly under God’s sight. All things that are naked and opened is a sacramental offering term that speaks of exposing the sacrificed animal the face in its full view, and every feature must be seen. God is the one whom we must give an account. God is our judge and is well qualified to be so, as all our hearts and actions are naked and open to God. (Verse-Verse Bible Commentary.

Hebrews 4:13. <https://www.studylight.org/commentary/hebrews/4-13.html>)

Suggested Lesson Outline



Greeting Time

Welcome each student as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all learners have accessed in, say this statement "

Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are

welcome here. Our gathering even in an online venue evokes God's presence. Allow volunteers to share their “Touched- By-God- This Week” experience by sharing the time when they sensed God’s presence and help.

Songs of Gathering

“Deep and Wide”

Deep and wide, deep and wide
There’s a fountain flowing deep and wide;
Deep and wide, deep and wide,
There’s a fountain flowing deep and wide.

“He Came Singing Love”

He came singing love and he lived singing love;
he died singing love. He arose in silence.
For the love to go on we must make it our song;
You and I be the singers.

..faith, hope...peace...love

Opening Prayer

Our loving and caring Parent God, we come to you as your children willing to encounter your presence. Give us the preparedness to learn and gain wisdom today. May Your Spirit lead us to the openness of our hearts, souls, and minds that we may live out our learnings to action. Thank you for being our Parent and our Friend. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.



Getting Ready



Invite some volunteers to share their thoughts about this picture.

Learning Time



Discovering the Biblical Truth.

Discuss to the class the Background. Ask the following questions;

1. What is the passage all about?
2. What is your understanding of the passage?
3. What does it imply that God has a claim on us all?
4. Why should all people know about this?
5. Do you think this text would challenge the people to be good stewards? Why do you say so?



Lessons Learned

Youth Speak! Choose 3 learners to share their answers to the following questions below. Make it like a talk show where there will be a host who will be questioning the learners.

1. Define and elaborate in one's own words the meaning of 'vigorous stewardship'?
2. What is the importance of vigorous stewardship in one's local church?
3. Are your local church members vigorous stewards? Explain why you say so.
4. How can young people of your church be encouraged to be vigorous stewards?

Applying the Lessons Learned

<i>In what aspects of young people's lives that vigorous Christian stewardship is most expected?</i>	<i>How can young people in the church show vigorous stewardship?</i>

Closing Worship



Memory Verse:

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;" Psalm 24:1

Offertory

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. Let us give our offering to God to express our gratitude of God's kindness and generosity.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response

"We Give You But Your Own" NCH # 785

We give you but your own, whatever gift maybe

All that we gave us yours alone, we give it gratefully

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: Almighty and forgiving God, we, your unworthy servants give You our most humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

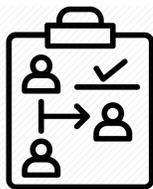
+Closing Song “*To Others Share Your Many Gifts*” *Hymnal of Faith Journey, 299*

*To others share your many gifts,
To God Creator offer now your life in willing service true,
To God who owns the earth,
To offer is to share, to share your gifts,
To those who need your joy and loving care,
So share your gifts to all.*

+Prayer of Dedication

All: You called us O God to serve and not be served, to love and not hate, and to be welcoming despite our diversity. Help us to expand our circle that others may be welcome to join us. Amen.

Response: “Shabbath Shalom” Dance of Universal Peace
(Encourage everyone to Sing and Dance)
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Assignment for Next Sunday

Make a one minute video about Vigorous Stewardship and post it to one's FB, IG, and Tiktok)

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.



The month of February: Membership Month

1. Volunteer to help update the Church Membership
2. Make a Church Map (Indicating where the members are located)
3. Enhance your Church Stewardship envelopes
4. Fund Sourcing: Harana, Flowers for Valentine’s Day, and Love Notes
5. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Twitter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 37: *What is Tithing?*

Transfiguration Sunday

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 14, 2021

General Concept: *Tithing is an expression of faith and an acknowledgment of God's faithfulness and generosity.*

Biblical References: Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7

Age Level Concepts

- Tithing is an expression of faith and an acknowledgment of God's faithfulness and generosity
- Our church teaches us to give faithfully our tithes
- We cheerfully give the 10% of our allowance/income to the church

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Define and explain their understanding of "tithing"?
- Explain the importance of bringing one's tithe to the Church.
- Suggest ways how to encourage the young people to tithe.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse)

Background

Tithing or giving a tenth of the flocks, fruits, and/or possessions of all kinds to their gods was an ancient practice by many peoples. The Israelites did the same. They gave to God what was due to "God" being the Supreme Owner of the land and its produce. Tithes were also given in thanksgiving for all the blessings or gifts received. People believed that faithful giving assured abundance from God.

Later on, when the priesthood was institutionalized, tithing assumed the nature of direct levy or tax, since the Levitical priests who were employed in the sanctuary, claimed for themselves on behalf of God, a tithe from all believers (Numbers 18:21-24) and though tithing was generally an offering to the Supreme Being, this might be given to or levied by a king (Gen. 40:20; I Sam. 8:17) – Hastings, Dictionary of the Bible, 1963).

The tithe is a specific amount of 10 % of your income that you give first, and an offering is any extra that you give beyond that. After you've tithed and paid all your bills and necessary expenses for the month, you can then use any extra money in your budget to give even more! This can include giving a cash offer to your church above and beyond your normal tithe, giving money to a charity you support, giving to a friend in need, or giving your time and skills by volunteering. So far as today, Tithing seems to be no longer practiced by many. A study of a local church in Mindanao reveals that less than 20% are giving their tithes. There are of course several members and pastors who give beyond their tenth, whether in Church or for worthy causes. They have gone

beyond the “laws of the Jewish temple” and practicing a “shared abundance” with others in all kinds of life’s circumstances – whether in plenty or want,” in joy and suffering. It somehow had become part of their lives. (On Tithing. Stewardship A Way of Life. UCCP Publication. <https://uccpchurch.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Stewardship-a-way-of-life.pdf>)

Malachi 3:10

Bringing all the tithes into the storehouse was a command by God to God’s people who were no longer faithful in fulfilling their promises to God to provide food for the priests, the Levites and their families. Tithe or tenth part of all eatable things paid to the Levites, and out of this another tithe was paid by the Levites to the priests; and there was another tithe, which some years the owners ate themselves at Jerusalem, and in others gave them to the poor; and these were called the first tithe, the tithe out of the tithe, the second tithe, and the poor's tithe; though they are commonly reduced to three, and are called first, and second, and third were to use to repair of the temple.

With such command, if followed, will be largely and liberally blessed and bestowed upon them such blessings from the open windows of heaven. This means that God will give an abundance of rain to make the earth fruitful, and bring forth its increase in great plenty, which is a blessing.

Tithing also invites the people of Israel to live in a community, to care for those who are needy and hungry. This is part of the social mechanism that uplifts other sectors of the society with the help of the whole community.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Paul’s advice of giving centered on the quality and its motive of giving not so on the quantity. It is all about the nature of giving and how one is to give. This is a free choice to give or not to give. It is a matter of one’s very heart and the freedom to give freely and liberally which is not forced by others.

Such person mentioned above is loved by God and will be taken responsibly by prospering and succeeding in their worldly affairs. God blesses a cheerful giver.

Suggested Lesson Outline



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Allow volunteers to share their “Touched- By-God-This Week” experience by sharing the time when they sensed God’s presence and help.

Songs of Gathering

“*Tidumdumtidum*”

(Tidumdumtidum 2x tidadadum)2x

Praise Our Creator, Praise Our Redeemer, Praise You Holy Ghost

Tidamdumtidum 2x

Tidamdumtidadadum

“Oh, I Love You With the Love of the Lord”
Oh I Love You with the love of the Lord,
Yes I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in You the glory of my God.
Yes I love you with the love of the Lord.”

“What a Great Thing to Praise the Lord” (3x)
When we’re all walking in the Light of God
[(Walk 4x) in the Light]4x
Walking in the Light of God.

... Love ... Serve

Opening Prayer

Our gracious God, source and fount of every blessing. We come to you this morning opening ourselves before you. Fill us with your Spirit as we commune with each other and with You. Speak to us O God. In Jesus’ Name, we pray, Amen.

Getting Ready



Watch the Short Film about “What is Tithing?”

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5q7JkO32DPc>). What can you say about the short film?

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth.



Discuss to the class the Background provided.

Divide the class into two groups. Assign each group a biblical text

Group 1- Malachi 3:10

Group 2- 2 Corinthians 9:7

Ask the *following questions*;

1. What does the passage teach about tithing/ giving?
2. What is your understanding of tithing/ giving cheerfully? Do you tithe/ give cheerfully? Why or Why not?
3. What does God promise us when we tithe/ give cheerfully? Do you believe in this? Why and why not?

4. Do you know someone who practices tithing/ cheerful giving? How do you view his or her life?
5. Do you think this text would challenge the people to tithe/ give cheerfully?
6. Suggest ways how to encourage and develop the young people to tithe and give cheerfully to one's local church.

Lessons Learned



Youth Speak! Ask a volunteer from each group to share what they learned from their group work. Ask the whole class the following questions:

1. Do the members of your church practice tithing or cheerful giving? How many percent of the members practice tithing?
2. Would tithing be enough to implement the program of the church?
3. If this is God's command to God's people, why is tithing is not widely practiced until now?
4. Are you convinced to practice tithing after hearing all the background? If yes, how would you begin? If no, what more do want to know about tithing?
5. If the tithing aim-goal is for all sectors in the society will be cared of, what other means that we can care for all people?

Applying the Lessons Learned

TITHE ENVELOPS. Distribute tithe envelopes to all learners or if such is not yet available, tell the learners to make their own. Tell the learners to write their name on the envelop and also a statement of what they have learned from the session related to tithing.

Closing Worship



Memory Verse

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." Malachi 3:10

Offertory

Leader: We bring our tithe because we own nothing. In giving, we acknowledge our true Giver.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with the grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because it's giving,

Jesus Christ, God's Son.
And now may the weak say, "I am strong",
Let the poor say, "I am rich",
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: We bring our tithe with all that we are. May You accept and use it for your ministry and mission. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

+Closing Song "I Am Willing, Lord"

Sometimes when I am down
And I don't feel like You're around, oh Lord
Feeling so sorry for me
Not knowing that all the while You're working to see
If when I'm put through the fire
I'll come out shining like gold
Oh Lord, please don't ever stop working with me
'Til You see I can be all You want me to be

I am willing, Lord
I am willing, Lord
To be just exactly what You want me to be

I am willing, Lord
I am willing, Lord
To be just exactly what You want me to be

Often when I ask why
Teach me then on You to rely, oh Lord
You surely know what is best
May I learn that in confidence and strength I can rest
Then leaning fully on You
My questions fall one by one
Dear Lord, please don't ever stop...

+Prayer of Dedication (Closing Circle)

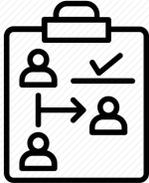
Facilitator: As we close this session, let us commit to God, a life of cheerful giving and do tithing as God wants us to do.

Learners: "I, _____ (State your name) will promise to God to live a life of cheerful giving and will practice tithing."

All: So help us, God, Amen.

Response: “Shabbath Shalom” Dance of Universal Peace
(Encourage everyone to Sing and Dance)
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Assignment for Next Sunday



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Lesson 38: What do we mean by “giving our time” to the Lord?

First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021

General Concept: *Giving our time to the Lord is an expression of giving our life to God.*

Biblical References: Psalms 103:15-16; Psalm 25:14; Matthew 6:33

Age Level Concepts

- *Giving our time to the Lord is an expression of giving our life to God*
- We devote our time to actively participate in all church activities and ministries

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Articulate their own understanding of what it is to “give our time to God”?
- Explain the importance of devoting our time to actively participate in all church activities and ministries.
- Identify church activities and ministries that they can actively participate in.
- Commit to giving one’s time to God as an expression of giving one’s life to God.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/ Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, & Bond Paper)

Biblical Background

“As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.” (NRSV **Psalm 103:15-16**) This is to say that human beings’ life is so short and uncertain. Human beings no matter how much they had in their lifetime, no matter who they became in their life’s span, and no matter how great they made an impact on their surrounding, still all are subject to one’s end. The flower of the garden is commonly has more choice, and will last the longest, for being sheltered by the garden wall, and the gardener’s care; but the flower of the field, to which life is here compared, is not only withering in itself but exposed to all kinds of weather which is liable to be uprooted and trod on by the beasts of the field. The psalmist did not just present the reality of how short our existence here on earth but reminded us of God’s faithfulness, mercy, and love that we can experience freshly each new day. (Matthew Henry’s Concise Commentary. <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/psalms/103-15.htm>)

Time is synonymous with life itself, for it provides an opportunity not just to enjoy living but to be aware of God’s amazing grace and love that value our existence and of being human. To give our time to God is to acknowledge who is our Creator, the source and fount of life. Giving one’s time to God is an act of gratefulness to such an opportunity to live here on earth. Giving one’s time to God establishes a deeper covenant relationship with our Creator. Like “Friendship with God is reserved for those who paid reverence to God. With them alone God shares the secrets of God’s promises” (**Psalm 25:14**). Friendship with God is like any other friendship- you have to make time for it. If you don’t make time for your friends, they are not your friends. You make time for your friends by spending time to talk with them, communicate with them, and able to be concerned for their life-living. (Rick Warren. *Give God Your Best Time*. <https://pastorrick.com/give-god-your-best-time/>)

Jesus commanded: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (**Matthew 6:33**). If you "seek first" God's Kingdom and God's righteousness, you will use your time as needed to do this. You will have to learn to discipline yourself in your use of this very precious element in life. Most people are not "time-conscious." They just sort of "wander" through life—letting things happen to them here and there, wasting time and not accomplishing nearly as much as they could. How much do we spend our time a day? If we try to record our time used, we will notice that we spend much more on our games and social media more than spending our time with God. To seek God first is to make time for God knowing that God is the God of our time, the God of our life.

Suggested Lesson Outline

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Allow volunteers to share their "Touched- By-God -This Week"

experience by sharing the time when they sensed God's presence and help.

Songs of Gathering



"O What A Beautiful Day"

Oh what a beautiful day my Jesus

Oh what a beautiful day.

Thank you Lord for sharing it with me.

Oh what a beautiful day.

Birds are singing, bells are ringing

Oh what a beautiful day.

Flower's growing, rivers flowing

All God's creatures seem to say

(Oh what a beautiful day my Jesus

Oh what a beautiful day.)

"Spend Your Little Time With Jesus"

(Tune: Sing a Little Song to Jesus)

Spend a little time with Jesus and you'll be fine 2x

Give time, spend time for our God

Be still, listen to God's voice

Spend a little time with Jesus and you'll be fine.

Opening Prayer

God our Creator of time and space, we are offering to you this time of gathering to learn more about you. Move us to seek your will for our lives. Speak to us O God. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

Getting Ready



Watch the Short Film about "Spending Time with God: John 15:5- with Nick Vujicic (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSPb4VDR0Lo>)

At random, allow two to 3 learners to share their thoughts about the short film.

Learning Time



Discovering the Biblical Truth. Discuss to the class the background of the lesson.

Divide the class into 2 (two) groups.

Group 1- Psalm 103:15-16

Group 2 - Matthew 6:33

Ask the following questions for the groups to respond to:

1. What does the passage teach about time?
2. What is your understanding about “giving your time to God”?
3. Do you spend time with God and for God?

Lessons Learned



Youth Reflect and Share! In the group, give them a bond paper for them to write down their daily routine. How much time they spent on a certain activity.

Try to let them reflect on their daily use of their time. Do they have time for God, time for their family & friends, time for attending church activities, & time for them to be alone with God? Let them plan a daily routine with a balanced time with God and with their family members.

MY DAILY ACTIVITIES	TIME SPENT PER ACTIVITY

Let them share in the group their reflection and their plans to have a new routine in living their lives with God.

Applying the Lessons Learned



Youth Speaks!

Encourage a representative from each group to share what transpired in the sharing and suggest ways how can the young people be involved in doing God’s work or attending church activities.

Closing Worship

Memory Verse

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” **Matthew 6:33**

Offertory

Leader: Let us bring to God our offerings and our time. God owns our lives and our time and it is proper for us to acknowledge this truth.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response

“Giving”

Giving 2x gladly giving day by day,

Giving 2x gladly day by day.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: We bring our gifts, our time, and our lives. May it be pleasing to your sight O God. Use it for your Ministry and Mission. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

+Closing Song

“Take My Life, God, Let It Be” [HFJ 279]

Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.

Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of Your love.

Take my intellect and use all its powers as You choose.

Take my will; Your will be done! Make Your will and mine be one.

Take my heart, and by Your grace make of it Your dwelling place.

Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.

Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.

+Prayer of Dedication (Closing Circle)

Facilitator: As we close this session, let us commit to spend time with God everyday and give time to involve in doing God's work.

Learners: “I, _____ (State your name) commit myself to spend time with you O God every day of my life and give time to involve in doing your work as long as I live.

All: So help us, God, Amen.

Response:

“Shabbath Shalom” Dance of Universal Peace

(Encourage everyone to Sing and Dance)

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Assignment for Next Sunday



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Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.

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Lesson 39: What do we mean by “giving our talents/gifts” to the Lord?

Membership Sunday

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

General Concept: *Giving our talents/gifts means offering our abilities and skills for the life and work of the church.*

Biblical References: Romans 12:5-8; Matthew 7:9-11

Age Level Concepts

- *Giving our talents/gifts means offering our abilities and skills for the life and work of the church*
- We offer our spiritual gifts to glorify God
- We commit our talents/gifts to be used for the life and work of the church

Learning Objectives

By the end of the session, the learners are expected to

- Define and explain what it means to give one's talents/gifts to God?
- Reevaluate and appreciate God's given talent/s and gift/s that they have.
- Identify Church programs and activities that talent/s and gift/s can be used in glorifying God.
- Commit to giving of talent/s and gift/s as an expression of gratitude and faithfulness to God.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase and Memory Verse, & Bond Paper)

Biblical Background

Everything that we have is a gift from God. These include every good and perfect thing (1 Timothy 6:17), food and clothing (Matthew 6:25,33), rain and fruitful harvests (Leviticus 26:4), faith (Ephesians 2:8), grace (James 4:6), wisdom (Proverbs 2:6) and life itself (Isaiah 42:5) are all gifts from God. These gifts we have received are not ours alone. God gave it to us to serve God and God's people.

Each of us has something to give and share with others. It may be your money, your time to charity, your talent of singing, dancing, making art, poem, writing, your passion for making

things, your being kind, gentle, and mostly your presence. If someone who is sick or lonely, do volunteer work or be a peacemaker, teacher, or minister that may give unselfishly of our time to our family and kin. We may choose a service-oriented occupation, or we may just do our everyday jobs with integrity and respect for others.

Romans 12:5-8

Paul explained that we have different gifts according to God's grace given to us. He mentioned some may have a gift of prophesy one has to use it in proportion to his faith. If serving, let someone serve; if teaching, let someone teach; if it is encouraged, let someone encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let someone give generously; if it leadership, let someone govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. One thing that Paul was trying to remind the believers of, is that gifts have to be used and shared with others that God may be glorified. It is not for one's self but for the whole community to live harmoniously and in solidarity with one another.

Matthew 7:11

Jesus' teaching in His extended, "Sermon of the Mount", gives step by step information to believers on true discipleship, followed by structured teaching on how to live such a life. It touches on how to avoid anger and adultery and the correct way to fast and pray. It teaches about charitable giving and the right attitude towards one's possession. Such training for believers will enable them to have acceptable behavior, character, and conduct that is pleasing to God. In this passage, Jesus demonstrates the incredible goodness of our perfect God towards God's children with the care and concern that a human parent has towards their offspring. "...how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who are with God." Such reminders keep us giving and sharing our talents without the concern of being emptied or be in poverty. God will surely supply all our needs.

The essence of the Christian life is in obeying and worshiping God and helping others. God has given each of us important gifts for those purposes. Like the three men in Jesus' Parable of the Talents, our gifts may be great or small. But no matter how great or small our talents, abilities, and wealth, we are required to put them to good use.

Here are just a few of many ways to use the gifts God has given us:

- Donate money to a good quality charitable organization or to fund a church project
- Become a minister, deacon, officers of the CYF, Sunday School & VCS teacher.
- Volunteer at a social service agency, school, or hospital. They always need help.
- Volunteer at church.
- Pray for the sick and suffering.
- Babysit for a friend or neighbor.
- Invite someone lonely to share a meal.



- Help someone who is sick or elderly. Visit, run errands, give a ride to appointments, or help with chores.
- Give hugs and attention to your siblings, relatives, and parents.
- Don't hold a grudge; forgive everyone who has treated you badly.
- Smile and be patient and kind to the people you encounter every day.
- Find a creative use for your special talent!

(What Does the Bible Say About... Christian Bible Reference Site.
https://www.christianbiblereference.org/faq_TimeTalentsWealth.htm)

Suggested Lesson Outline

Greeting Time

Welcome each student as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all, learners access in, say this statement " Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. Our gathering even in an online venue evokes God's presence.

Allow volunteers to share their "Touch By God This Week" experience by sharing the time when they sensed God's presence and help.

Songs of Gathering



"Let's Sing God's Praise"

Common everybody let us all be one,
Let us join our hearts to sing God's praise
Common everybody let us live in peace,
Living together as God's family.

"Make Me A Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak,
And may the pray'r of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

Opening Prayer

God our Parent, we come before you with an open heart, soul, and mind. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may indwell and live out your Word today. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

Getting Ready



Watch the Short Film “Your Talent is God’s Gift to You!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkh03G5qz08>) At random, allow two to 3 learners to share their thoughts about the short film.

Learning Time

Discovering the Biblical Truth



Discuss to the class the Background for today’s lesson.

Divide the class into 2 (two) groups. Assign each group a biblical text to read.

Group 1- Romans 12:5-8

Group 2- Matthew 7:11

Ask the *following questions for the groups to respond to:*

1. What does the passage teach about giving/ sharing our talents and gifts to God?
2. What is your understanding about “giving your talent and gifts” to God?
3. Why do we need to share one’s talents and gifts to God and other people?

Tell each group to choose a reporter and share what the group has discussed.

Lessons Learned

Divide the class into 4 (four) groups and tell them to fill in the graph. Have each group share their graph.

<i>Talents/ Abilities/Skills We Have</i>	<i>How it can help the church</i>

Applying the Lessons Learned



CYF Got Talents! Invite each group to present their different talents to the class. Some may sing, dance, beatbox, write and present one’s poem, spoken poem, creative art, drama or acting, and others. Limit each group presentation to 15 minutes. Focus one’s presentation on the theme, “Your Talents are God’s Gifts to be Shared to Others”

Closing Worship



Memory Verse

“We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;” Roman 12:6

Offertory

Leader: Let us bring to God our offerings and our talents. God gave us talents and gifts for us to share that God will be glorified.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response

“Doxology”

We give our gifts to you O God
May it be helped to those in need
May your presence felt each time we give
Your love keeps moving us to give. Amen

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: We bring our gifts and talents to be used according to Your will. Use it for your ministry and mission. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

+Closing Song “Give of Your Best to the Master” By Howard B. Grose 1902

*Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth;
Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardor, into the battle for truth.
Jesus has set the example; Dauntless was He, young and brave;
Give Him your loyal devotion; Give Him the best that you have.*

Refrain:

*Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth;
Clad in salvation's full armor, Join in the battle for truth.*

*Give of your best to the Master; Give Him first place in your heart;
Give Him first place in your service; Consecrate every part.
Give, and to you will be given; God His beloved Son gave;
Gratefully seeking to serve Him, Give Him the best that you have. (Chorus)*

*Give of your best to the Master; Naught else is worthy His love;
He gave Himself for your ransom, Gave up His glory above.
Laid down His life without murmur, You from sin's ruin to save;
Give Him your heart's adoration; Give Him the best that you have.*

+Prayer of Dedication (Closing Circle)

Facilitator: As we close this session, let us commit to share our talents for the use of doing Christ's mission.

Learners: “I, _____ (State your name) will promise to God to share my talents/gifts of _____ (talent/skill/ability) to help in doing Christ's mission and in building up the church.

All: So help us, God, Amen.

Response: "Shabbath Shalom" Dance of Universal Peace
(Encourage everyone to Sing and Dance)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEC8IksjS1M>
(Shabbath Shalom 2x Shabbat shabbat shabbat Shabbat Shalom)2x
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Assignment for Next Sunday



Make a one minute video about "Giving Your Possession to a Stranger in Need" and post it to one's FB, IG, and Tiktok

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.



The month of February: Membership Month

1. Volunteer to help update the Church Membership
2. Make a Church Map (Indicating where the members are located)
3. Enhance your Church Stewardship envelops
4. Fund Sourcing: Harana, Flowers for Valentine's Day, and Love Notes
5. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Twitter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.

Lesson 40: What do we mean by "giving our possession" to the Lord?

International Women's Sunday

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

General Concept: Giving of possession to the Lord means sharing our resources for the life and work of the church as an expression of our faithful stewardship

Biblical References: *Acts 2:45; Luke 12:15*

Age Level Concepts

- Giving of possession to the Lord means sharing our resources for the life and work of the church as an expression of our faithful stewardship
- We share our possessions with the Church to respond to the needs of the church and the community

Learning Objectives

By the end of the sessions the learners are expected to

- Explain what it is to give one's possession to God?
- Point out the importance of sharing our resources for the life and work of the Church
- Identify the possession/s one can share or planning to give for the life and work of the church.

- Commit to share one's possession to God as an expression of our faithful steward.

Materials: The Holy Bible (preferably the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV]), song chart/Powerpoint, offering plate or basket, Used Calendar for Sunday's Phrase, Manila Paper, Broad Pen and Memory Verse)

Biblical Background

God is the Source of everything that we use and own that enhance life. So it is only fitting and benefitting to remember honoring God with our material possessions. Honoring means giving our possession to the Lord. This also means sharing our resources for the life and work of the church as an expression of our faithful stewardship. We share our possessions with the Church to respond to the needs of the church and the community who needs our help and our care.

Acts 2:45

Early Christians created a new economic system which practices divestiture of goods to those who are in need. Though it was not the intention for a small, marginalized, socially powerless group to change the imperial economic structure but because of the radical call for love of God and love of neighbor, a new just and equitable economic system emerged. People who have able to liquidate their goods for the sake of the less powerful from time to time as anyone had need. Resources mean material, political, social, or practical-of any member of the community were put at the constant disposal of the Christian Community, even while individual members continued to oversee their particular resources. This radicalized the whole economic system, it introduced ongoing responsiveness to the very need of the people, it involved mutual participation in the lives of the whole community and developed an attitude of a continual willingness to hold possessions loosely, valuing the relationships within the community more than the security of possessions. This is what early Christians redefined Jubilee year- the once in fifty years redistribution of land and wealth within Israel (Leviticus 25:51-55) (TOW Project. The Economics of Radical Generosity Acts 2:45.

<https://www.theologyofwork.org/new-testament/acts/the-beginning-of-gods-new-world-acts-1-4/an-orienting-community-that-practices-the-ways-of-gods-kingdom-acts-242-432/the-economics-of-radical-generosity>

Luke 12:13-15

Jesus was asked by the crowd about how to divide fairly the inheritance? He answered back, "take heed and beware of the covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things one possesses." Jesus saw the heart of the person who asked. The person was not wanting justice, he had covetousness over the possession. When someone considers one's possession as valuable than any person, then one sin against God, for it is in itself idolatry. (Luke 12- Attitudes for Followers of Jesus. Enduring Word. <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/luke-12/>)

Suggested Lesson Outline



Greeting Time

Welcome each student as they participate in an online classroom through ZOOM or Messenger Room. After all learners have accessed in, say this statement " Whoever you are and whatever you are on life's journey, all are welcome here. Our gathering even in an online venue evokes God's presence.

Allow volunteers to share their "Touched- By God -This Week" experience by sharing the time when they sensed God's presence and help.

Songs of Gathering



"We're Together Again"

We're together again just praising the Lord,
We're together again in one accord,
Something good is going to happen,
Something good is in store,
We're together again, just praising the Lord.

Wherever we are, we praise Thee,
Wherever we go, we praise Thee,
For Your love surrounds us like a sea.
We praise the name of Jesus,
Lift up the name of Jesus,
For the name of Jesus lifted us.

"Hallelu, Hallelu"

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah;
Praise ye the Lord! 2x
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah;
Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah;3x
Praise ye the Lord!

"Walking With Jesus"

Walking with Jesus, Walking everyday, walking all the way
Walking with Jesus, walking with Jesus alone.
Walking in the sunshine, Walking in the shadow;
Walking everyday, walking all the way,
Walking with Jesus, walking with Jesus alone.

Opening Prayer

Everything we do, the fellowship, the work, and fun
You see it all and love everyone!

So we meet today in this Sunday School,

To learn about you O Christ Jesus, 'cos you are our Savior and our Friend!

We love the stories we hear about you,

Help us to listen and try to do.

Teach us to grow and learn and love,

Today we celebrate our being together with God and with each other. Amen.

Read more: https://www.living-prayers.com/children/sunday_school_prayer.html#ixzz6mpeoYVW0

Getting Ready



Ask the class what does the word “possession” means for them? What possessions do they have? Share what possession means by saying, “Possession is the state of having, owning, or controlling something. It is an item of property; something belonging to one.” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). Have you given something that you possess to the church? What was it? What did you feel after giving it?

Learning Time



Discovering the Biblical Truth. Discuss to the class the biblical background provided. Divide the class into two (2) groups and ask the following questions:

Group 1- Acts 2:45

Group 2: Luke 12:13-15

1. *What does the passage teach about possession?*
2. *What is your understanding about giving your resources to the Lord?*
3. *What does giving your possession for the life and work of the church and your community mean to you?*
4. *Identify what possessions that you have that you are willing to give for the life and work of the church and one's community? (Write these suggestions on a Manila Paper and discuss this with the whole class)*
5. *Would you like to give or bequest your possession to your church and your community? (Let them write whatever resource they wanted to give or share and together offer these writings to the Lord during the Prayer of Commitment.)*
6. *Why do believers have to share their resources or possessions to the Lord and the church?*

Lessons Learned



Youth Reflect and Share! Give each group a Manila paper for them to write down suggested “possessions” that they can give to their local church and one's community. Let them mechanize ways to go about the

giving. Appoint somebody from the group to share their reflection and their plans of donating their “possession” for the life and work of the church and one’s community.

Applying the Lessons Learned

Youth Speaks!

Encourage a representative from each group to share what transpired in the group discussion and suggest ways how the young people can share or give their possession/s for God’s work both in the church and in the community.

Closing Worship



Memory Verse

“they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds[a] to all, as any had need.” Acts 2:45

Offertory

Leader: Let us offer to God our gifts and possessions knowing that God gave us all the blessings we received and it is rightful for all of us to be grateful by giving what we have.

Giving of our Offerings

+Offering Response *“Take My Life, God, Let It Be”* [HFJ 279]

Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

+Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: Accept our offerings, tithes, and possessions, and may it be pleasing to your sight O God. Use it for your ministry and mission both in the church and in the community. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

+Closing Song

“Give Thanks to God the Lord”

[Tune: Crown Him with Many Crowns]

Give thanks to God the Lord; upon His Name now call.

Make known among the people on earth what He has done for all.

Sing praise to Him, now sing; His wondrous acts proclaim.

Rejoice, all you who seek the Lord; come glory in His Name.

Look to the Lord’s great strength; remember all His deeds.

His judgments are in all of the earth; He is the Lord indeed.

His cov’nant e’er will stand; His oath He’ll ne’er forget.

A thousand generations pass; God’s word continues yet.

Sing to the Lord, all earth; His saving pow’r proclaim.

Declare His glory to every race; His marvelous deeds now name.

For great is God the Lord, most worthy of all praise.
He made the heavens and the earth; fear Him and give Him praise.

Give thanks to God the Lord; His goodness now declare.
He saves, delivers from every foe; His love endures fore'er.
Give thanks unto His Name and glory in His praise;
Praise to the God of Israel for everlasting days.

+Prayer of Dedication (Closing Circle)

Facilitator: As we close this session, let us give our possessions to God. (Invite the class to offer their bequest to God, putting all the papers in the middle of the circle.)

Learners: "I, _____ (State your name) will promise to God to give my possession to help in the church's life and work.

All: So help us, God, Amen.

Response: Faith - Jordan Feliz | In Christ We Dance
(Encourage everyone to Dance)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pvc9VQiTMWs>

Assignment for Next Sunday



Make a one minute video about Giving for Wider Mission and post it to one's FB, IG, and Tiktok)

Youth At Work. Monthly projects that involve the young people of the church.



The month of March: Lent

1. Volunteer to help facilitate the Communicant Class
2. Help fill up the Church Profile or membership profile from the National office
3. Conduct a seminar on how to make and deliver a sermon (Ready for the 7 Last Word of Jesus)
4. #CYFSSlessoninlife. Post in your Twitter, FB, Instagram account the lessons you've learned from the session.