

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of Stewardship to the congregation

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There is a touching story in the December issue *Stewardship* about a very ill old man named Joe, who loved God and his church passionately.

Joe's pastor, Rev. Goodrich, visited Joe and was impressed with what might be called Joe's saintliness. Joe loved God so much that he wanted to do his best to see that God's work on earth was carried out. That is why he tithed his income to the church. The pastor saw how poor Joe was and decided that the church ought to do something to show the church's appreciation of him. So one day, Rev. Goodrich took \$100 out of a fund designated for people who truly needed financial help, put it in an envelope and delivered it to ailing old Joe.

When Joe opened the envelope and found the money, with a broad smile tugging at his lips, he said eagerly, "Now I will be able to do something I've never been able to do before. I'd like to give \$50.00 to the orphanage and \$50.00 for mission work."

Such is the attitude of saints. They have loving hearts for God and loving spirits to give as best they can to the hurting and needy people and other work of the church.

Prayer: Dear God, help us each to understand that we need to be good stewards for the health of our own souls. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen**

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