

MAY: STEWARDSHIP

Our May focus is Stewardship. First, pray this over your own heart and then spend time praying it over the next generation. The goal is for our church family to fast and pray one day/week this month.

MEMORIZE

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

LISTENING PRAYER PROMPTS

- Am I giving God the first/best of my time, money, and abilities or just the leftovers?
- What gifts have I been given to serve others? To serve the next generation?
- What fears prevent me from stewarding the resources/talents God has trusted me with? Give them to Him.
- What step do I need to take to use my resources and abilities to serve the next generation?

RESOURCES



"All to You" by Lincoln Brewster



RightNow Media



"What You Do Best in the Body of Christ" by Bruce Bugbee



Financial Peace University

HELPFUL TIPS:

- Fast from something you would normally spend a significant amount of time on during that particular day. Maybe it's fasting from all food, one or two meals, or TV/social media for the day. Whatever it is, your goal is to utilize the time you would normally spend doing those things, in the Word or praying instead.
- Schedule and block out those times in your calendar like you would a meeting or a class. Make a plan for how you will engage with God during these times - a short prayer walk, listening, journaling, reading, etc.
- Start your prayer times by thanking and praising God for who He is and what He's already done. True spiritual fasting focuses on Him. The Holy Spirit may bring your attention to some unexpected places in prayer—follow His lead.
- Be aware that Satan will do everything he can to pull you away from this time and distract you. When you feel hungry, discouraged, or grumpy, immediately go to the Holy Spirit for help. It often helps to have a verse to whisper in those moments—"more of you, less of me" or "my help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth."
- Don't go at this alone! Let your group members or leaders know you're doing this and ask them to join you.

We are proud of you! Please don't get discouraged if you don't make it all day the first few times or if you don't "feel" super spiritual. It's a discipline that takes practice and repetition. How long did you make it? Did you spend time in prayer? Celebrate those! Let's keep practicing together to see more of the Holy Spirit's power unleashed!

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