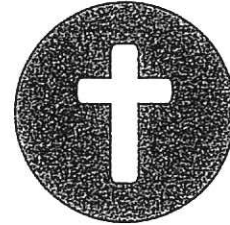


## Mid-week Stewardship Thought

### God Makes Us His Stewards

The first words of the Bible are "*In the beginning God...*" That's how everything begins – with God. That's how everything continues – with God. God gives meaning, and purpose, and fulfillment to every dimension of creation and life. And, of course, God is the completion and end of all things as well. God, therefore, is also the beginning of Christian stewardship. Just as God is the author and perfecter of faith, so God is the author and perfecter of the faithful life – that is, the stewardship of all we are and all we have from God's hand and heart.



**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, I belong to You. All that I am and have comes from You; family and friends, health, possessions and energy, leisure and abilities. Forgive me for letting the world shape me instead of being shaped by Your Word. Direct me to share what I have been given and to receive Your blessings with joy. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, and my Lord. Amen.

**Blessings on your journey as a steward!**