

Mid-Week Stewardship Thought

Giving Blesses the Giver

I am reminded of the story of Vince Dicamillo. He was at college enjoying his life when the Great Depression was beginning. With the stock market crash, his family called him home. The firm his father owned was bankrupt, and his parents had lost their home. Once home, Vince was tasked with helping to collect some back debts owed to his family. On his first call he climbed the broken steps of an old dilapidated house. He knocked and two small children came to the door. They were dirty and their clothes were like rags. He asked, "Is anybody home?" "I am," said the first child as a third child entered the room. Together they said, "I am." Just then a worn and tired-looking mother came into the room. "Is there anything I can do?" she asked. Vince hesitated. He felt it was useless to try to collect the bill from a family living in such poverty. Finally, he pulled from his pocket his last two-dollar bill. He handed it to the woman and said, "It's for the kids to see the circus," and left.

That is a true story, and Vince went on to become a successful building contractor. As he reflected on that early experience, he said, "I felt so uplifted about that small gift that I've continued the policy. God helped me develop a lifestyle of giving. I didn't plan it that way, but the more I give, the more I seem to get back in return. That's God's promise in regard to giving." Jesus said, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*" (Acts 20:35).

Prayer: Dear Father, please show me opportunities to share Your love within me to others. Use me as a vehicle of Your goodness to my family, friends, and acquaintances. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Blessings on your journey as a steward!

*In Everything
give Thanks*