

Little Burgundy Book Stewardship Reflections on the Gospel of Mark

- Stewardship is really isn't optional for a follower of Christ.
- The Lord may seem asleep, but the Lord is with me and caring for me.
- "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." Hebrews 13:5
- May I spend my time so that it doesn't seem so useless.
- All God expects me to do is to craft my life into a tiny jewel. It will be part of a great mosaic that is God's making.
- I get more out of forgiveness than the person that I forgive.
- "Generosity" comes from the Latin word for "birth" – "someone of noble birth".
- My task is to simply plant good seed and know that it is the Lord that gives growth.
- We walk by faith and not by sight.
- We don't earn God's mercy and forgiveness so stop making other people earn yours.
- The "normal" life of a disciple is not always what others consider normal.
- The accumulation of things can get in the way of my relationships with people. The more I pile up, the more weighed down I get.
- The way I spend my money shapes me. We were all create in the image of God.
- Some people get possessions by chance, others by hard work. But everyone keeps them by choice.
- Stewardship is not complicated – the hard part is believing it.
- Laws are helpful but I need to remember that they are meant for me to do something.
- In all circumstances let God's goodness, and only his goodness, come out of you.
- I am the richest person in the world because of all the gifts that I received by being part of the community of disciples.
- St. Martin de Porres became known as the "saint of the broom" because of his devotion to work, no matter how menial.
- My life is not meant to be characterized by grasping, hoarding and focusing on myself. I am made for others.
- A lot depends on whose hands it's in – 5 loaves and 2 fishes fed thousands in the Lord's hands.
- "If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is "thank you," that would suffice." Meister Eckhart
- "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them..." (Mark 10:14) We are all children of God.
- I try to follow God's call but I am afraid to abandon myself completely to God.
- Tithing mean 10%. When I see everything as God's, when I give something away, it's a way of praying.
- Is my life marked by gathering or by giving?
- Things of this world are going to be part of the kingdom of God – it will be recycled.
- Fasting and giving things away are two ways to overcome a tight-fisted hold of things.