

Six members of the Stewardship Committee met for a series of Bible studies on the different ways that Jesus calls us to a life of generosity towards God and one another. Since there is a "no one size fits all" in these Biblical encounters, we found our discussions wreslting with the questions listed with the readings. We hope that these will give you food for thought about how you understand stewardship and why we, as disciples of Jesus, give "to the glory of God, in service of God's Church."

Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Questions For Reflection:

Are you following the "rules" to follow Jesus like the Pharisee, especially with respect to your giving? Is that enough?

How do you humble yourself? How do you treat your neighbors like the tax collector?

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