



4 Components of Good Stewardship

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Listed below are the 4 components of good stewardship we have decided to use in directing our stewardship activities. Listed next to each component are key phrases that Charlotte and I have borrowed from some sample stewardship prayers. They were used as the basis for the stewardship prayer we developed.

God Our Source – Creator, giver of all good gifts

gifts, talents, abilities
mystery of human life
faithful, tender
guide us
wisdom
generous
Jesus center & focus of our lives
abundance of blessing each day

Gratitude - help me show my gratitude by using these gifts
joyfully
using these gifts
generously
value the things that really matter

Accountability - share, loving service, choose each day to put you first in my life
others will know you through my actions
according to our means
build kingdom of peace & justice
sacrifice & praise for building up your people
as an answer to prayers of need, as an outlet for our giftedness
Baptism, water of life
not sure of right path
caretakers (of our bodies & all of creation)
keep trying

Return of Gifts – follow in footsteps
family, caring family
touch all our efforts with your grace so that we may truly become
gift to one another
respect giftedness we encounter in others
hands to do your work

