

My Stewardship Message
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My name is Vicky Lee and I am a member of our church's Stewardship Team. November 6th is Stewardship Commitment Sunday which is 2 weeks from today. The annual stewardship commitment letter and pledge card for each family have been distributed. I hope that between now and November 6th, you will take the time to think about what part stewardship plays in your life. I would like to tell you how stewardship has changed my life.

For many years, I was a person with very low self-confidence for reasons I won't go into now. I would never take charge of anything or offer my opinion in a group of people. It was easier to sit on the sidelines.

When I first came to this church in 1990, I really didn't know anyone and even though folks said hello to me each week, I felt like I didn't fit in or belong. After a few months, I got tired of just sitting in the pew during worship so I decided to get up the nerve to join the choir. I made friends with the other choir members and started to feel less like a stranger. That was the start of my stewardship life in this church as I use the gift of song that God gave me to sing His praise.

After a few more years, I took another leap of faith and served as a Deacon for two 3-year terms. I made more friends and by participating in their activities, I learned about our church's mission and outreach programs.

Then came the big step! I agreed to serve on the Session. While serving as a member of Session for several terms, I learned how our church government operates; how our various teams and committees work together for the benefit of the congregation; how our church interacts on various levels within the church itself and in the community, with the Presbytery and also with Heaven Sent Nursery School. It is a great learning experience!

As an Elder, I've been active on several committees and involved in major decision-making policy for the church. I appreciate the dedication that my fellow Session members give out of their love for our church and I am happy to be one of them.

Giving of my time and talents over the years in these various ways has increased my self-confidence and made me realize that **I am** an integral part of this church family. By making a financial pledge commitment each year to support our church and **keeping** that commitment is how I thank God for all the blessings he has given me. I have been a member of this church for more than 20 years and have stewardship to thank for making my life better.