



ST. DAVID'S

Episcopal Church and School



November 11, 2019

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Taking the Next Step Sunday is coming up on November 17. Everyone will be invited to fill out an Estimate of Giving Card for the Annual Budget in church that day. I want to share with you some of my thoughts on stewardship. PLEASE take a moment to read and think about them.

Why should I give money to my kids? They might waste it. They will spend it on things I disagree with. They will just ask for more. Why **do** I give money to my kids? Because I love them and it brings me joy and I am grateful for their presence in my life.

Why should I give money to God through St. David's? They might waste it. They will spend it on things I disagree with. They will just ask for more. Why **do** I give money to God through St. David's? Because I love God and it brings me joy and I am grateful for His and your presence in my life. Those are my reasons for trying to be a steward of what God has given me. They are really pretty simple.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." We put our money where our heart is. We spend our money on what we love. We give our money to those we love. When we give to those we love we experience joy. It is pretty simple.

Giving to God through the parishes we have been involved with has been a great source of joy for Kathryn and me. We tithe, 10% of our income, because that is the Biblical standard. It is that simple. We have lots of great stories of joy and gratitude in our stewardship history. We have a lot of funny ones, too. We don't have any sad stories about stewardship. We will keep giving to those we love, including God and St. David's. It is that simple.

Enclosed you will find a sample of the Estimate of Giving Card for the 2020 Annual Budget. Your generosity will help us do what God is calling us to do in and through St. David's. Giving to the church for the work of God is part of the duty of every Christian (Question 3, page 856 in the Book of Common Prayer). Giving is an expression of gratitude and a source of joy. It is that simple.

Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to offer in 2020 as faithful stewards of all that God has given you and be in church on Nov. 17. If we are all faithful in our efforts to be stewards of God's gifts, St. David's will be able to Honor God and Bless Others. It is really that simple.

Thanks for being part of St. David's, and God bless you.

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