

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP
in the Church

“Steward”

- Kastila: *Encargado*
- Tagalog: *Katiwala*
- Inglis: the one “in-charge” on behalf of the owner

Aliwa iya mismu ing amu/ makibandi.

- Dapot iya ing MIPANIBALAN.
- Iya ing manalakaran at manibala para king makibandi.
- Iya ing pinili nang manibala ning amu para kea.

Genesis 1:26

God’s plan in creation:

- For us to be created in God’s image and likeness
- For us to “have dominion” over all other creatures
- Not to abuse, but to take charge, be responsible for...

To be “in God’s image”

- is to be “in charge”.
- To enable us to take charge, he gave us:
- soul, will, & intellect

We manage for the Lord.

- This is a basic idea in the Bible.
- See Matthew 24:45-51 (Talinghaga ng Maaasahang Katiwala)
- “He gives them food in the proper time.”

The opposite:

- ✠ Ang “nang-aabuso” (irresponsible)
- Wala ang amo, magsamantala!
- Their punishment: “They will weep & grind their teeth.”

Matthew 25:14-30

Talinghaga ng Kayamanang Ipinagkatiwala
Tatlong katiwala; Bawat isa’y pinagkatiwalaan ng
Lima
Dalawa
Isa

Ang tumanggap ng isa:

Isinoli ang natanggap, “walang labis, walang kulang.”
Hindi naman winaldas. Pero naparusahan.

Pareho din ang description ng parusa:

“Itapon sa labas, sa kadiliman, ang walang kwentang katiwalang iyan—doon hayaan siyang manangis at magngitngit!”

Bakit?

Wala naman siyang alam gawin kundi ang umangal.
(Nabigyan na, umaangal pa.)

Ang dahilan niya kung bakit itinago ang kayamanan:

Takot ako sa inyo:

1) Alam kong negosyante kayo at mapaghabol sa kikitain.

2) Naghahanap ng ani kahit hindi nagtanim.

“Walang silbi at
tamad na katiwala!”

“Bakit di mo ginamit bilang puhunan ang ipinagkatiwala ko upang kumita ito ng kahit na kaunti man lang pagbalik ko?”

Parusa:

Kunin sa kanya ang isa, ibigay sa may sampu.

Ang meron na ay bibigyan pa.

Ang “wala”, kahit ang konting meron siya ay aalisin sa kanya.

Stewardship is:

Not just about keeping what is given to you.

It is also about recognizing and developing it!

1 Peter 4:10

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

Ibig sabihin:

Gamitin ang mga tinanggap nating kaloob para sa paglilingkod sa isa’t isa.

Ganito rin ang punto ni San Pablo, sa 1 Cor. 4:1

“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries.”

Sulat Pastoral ng mga Obispong Amerikano:

“Stewardship, A Disciple’s Response”

“Mabuting Pamamahala, Tugon ng Alagad”

Madalas tayong umangal

tungkol sa katiwalian at mga pang-aabuso sa pamamahala sa gubyrerno

Kumusta naman sa simbahan?

We have no moral ascendancy

about pressuring government and fighting for GOOD GOVERNANCE,

if we ourselves cannot practice RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP in the Church!!!

Quotation from the Pastoral:

“Stewardship means giving as much as we can, as often as we can, from the heart, as a faith response, because we are generous stewards who want to share our time, talent, and treasure, with others.”

What matters is

Not just giving externally, but from the heart.

It is a FAITH RESPONSE.

Ang pagbibigay ko ay pagpapahayag ng pananampalataya.

Also from the Pastoral:

“As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gift gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in loving justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.”

1) Receive gratefully

Tanggapin at kilalanin nang may pasasalamat ang mga biyayang kaloob ng Diyos!

(The Ten Lepers, Luke 17,11-19)

2) Cultivate Responsibly

Huwag sayangin, pero huwag ding waldasin!

Pagyamanin, gamitin, paunlarin!

Ingatan, pero huwag lang itago!

Gamitin bilang “PUHUNAN” (para kumita ang Diyos.)

Anong klaseng “kita” ang hanap ng Diyos?

3) Share in Loving Justice

Hindi lang tayo ang mga Anak ng Diyos.

Bahaginan ang nangangailangan.

LOVING JUSTICE (Pag-ibig na makatarungan) The motive for justice is LOVE, compassion for the last, the least, the lost!

4) Return "with increase"

We will do an accounting before the Lord at the Last Judgment.

The increase? "I was hungry...thirsty...naked...in prison...sick..."

The Lord expects an abundant harvest of generosity & love.

Sabi ni San Juan Crisostomo:

"The clothes in your closet are not yours; share them in loving justice to others!"

GREED: Kasakiman

This is one of the main reasons for poverty & inequality in the world.

Sabi ng kantang pang-Kinder:

"What a beautiful country which we are living in, if we only could care and share enough, no one is gonna be sad."

"There's enough for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed."

Greedy People are really poor!

They never have a sense of enough!

Always feel a sense of scarcity; kulang pa!

They always want more.

They don't even bother to ask: WHAT FOR?

The opposite is the grace-orientation:

We are so blessed!

Sabi ng kanta:

"And now, let the weak say I am strong; let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

The title of that song is:

GIVE THANKS!

...with a grateful heart!

Paul says, in 2 Cor. 9:8

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

Context ng 2 Corinthians:

Paul is asking the Corinthians to share their resources with the Christians in Jerusalem who were suffering from famine.

Stewardship is a way of life:

Ing Ditak Aparakal

Miracle of the Loaves Story

Ala yang milagrung akit ing taung e kikalala king atin, agyang nu ya karitac iti.

Luke 9:10-17

Contrast:

Disciples: Dismiss the crowd. (Paulian yu no reng tau.)

Jesus: Give them something to eat yourselves. (Pakanan yu la.)

Contrast:

Disciples: We have nothing but five loaves and two fish!

Jesus: He took the five loaves and two fish, gave thanks, broke them, and gave them...

Secrets to the Miracle:

Huwag ituring na WALA and MERON dahil konti lang ito.

Walang agawan, maghintay.

Magpasalamat.

Hati-hati.

Pulutin ang tira-tira.

Teachings connected to Stewardship

- 1) Trust (God is a Father who cares.)
- 2) Discipleship (Imitate the Master.)
- 3) Solidarity (We are connected to each other; we are responsible for each other, especially those most in need.)

PRINCIPLES THAT GO WITH SOLIDARITY

A) Respect for Ecology

We have been put in charge of the Garden that God had intended the world to be.

What we do affects other people and other creatures also.

We are connected to each other.

B) Universal destination of earthly goods:

Pakinabang hindi lang para sa iilan

Pakinabang hindi lang para sa tao

Pakinabang para sa lahat ng nilikha ng Diyos

C) Social Mortgage in Private Property

Hindi porke pag-aari ko ay puwede kong gawin kahit ano ang gusto kong gawin dito.

D) Accountability

Tayong lahat ay may pananagutan:

Sa kapwa.

Sa Diyos.

E) Transparency:

Because we are accountable, we don't hide things; we are open; we are not beyond scrutiny.

Malinaw sa akin ang akin at hindi akin.

Hindi ko aangkinin ang para sa atin, ang para sa simbahan, ang para sa nangangailangan. (Respect will of donor!)

F) Common Good

Lagi kong isinasaisip ang kapakanan ng nakararami, hindi lang ng sarili.

False Values in Modern Times

(vs. Stewardship)

1) INDIVIDUALISM

Kasakiman; profit-oriented; pansariling pakinabang lamang

Walang pakialam sa kapwa

2) EXCESSIVE COMPETITION

Matira ang matibay; unahan lang iyan; mahina ka, pasensya ka

3) UNQUALIFIED PRIVATE PROPERTY

In the Catholic Social Teachings #177:

The Church teaches that "the right to property is subordinate to the common good."

Property

is a MEANS, not an END.

Scope of Christian Stewardship

1) BUHAY

2) KAPALIGIRAN

3) PANAHOON

4) PANANAMPALATAYA

5) MATERYAL NA ARI-ARIAN

6) BOKASYON AT PROPESYON

7) MGA KAKAYAHAN

Prinsipyo, sa lahat ng Ipinagkatiwala ng Diyos:

KILALANIN.

INGATAN.

HUWAG SIRAIN.
HUWAG SAYANGIN/ WALDASIN.
PAGYAMANIN.
PAUNLARIN.

Sabi ni Jim Castelli (1994):

“Money problem in the Church is a decline of community and a confusion about purpose. The way to raise more money for the Church is to become better at being Church.”

If the faithful cannot be generous in contributing their resources,
MAYBE THEY REALLY DO NOT HAVE A SENSE OF BEING CHURCH YET!
NO CHURCH WITHOUT A MISSION.

Dalawang misyon ng Iglesya:
MISSIO AD INTRA (sa mga sariling miyembro)
MISSIO AD EXTRA (sa malawakang lipunan)

In both cases, kailangan ng PONDO!

Stewardship is a whole Christian Way of Life

Raising funds is just one little aspect of stewardship.

Problem: When Stewardship is always about FUND-RAISING!!!!

Contrast:

FR (Fundraising mentality) versus ST (stewardship):

FR focuses on WHAT WE DO

ST focuses on WHO WE ARE

FR focuses on meeting a budget

ST focuses on A CHANGE OF HEART.

FR is occasional.

ST is an ongoing commitment.

ST: is not just about WHO WE ARE but also WHOSE WE ARE.

Hindi lang SINO TAYO kundi KANINO TAYO?

WE BELONG TO GOD!

STEWARDSHIP is about

Bagong pananaw sa buhay

Bagong pag-uugali

Bagong pamamaraan.

It is a whole spirituality.

The Spirituality of SACRIFICIAL GIVING:

1) Pinaplano ang pagbibigay, binabadyet. (10 %? 50%? The widow gave all she had!)

2) Ang pagbibigay ay depende sa iba't ibang kalagayan at abot ng kakayahan. (Tithing: system of percentage)

3) Nagbibigay nang taos-puso, matamis sa kalooban.

4) Nagbibigay na kusang-loob; hindi mabigat sa loob; hindi pilitan.

5) Nagbibigay sa diwa ng pasasalamat sa kabutihan ng Diyos.

Paul's Masterpiece on Motivating People to become Generous

See: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

6 “The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

7 “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

9 As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,

14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The end.

Salamat pu.