

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of Stewardship to the congregation

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There is a story in this month's issue of *Stewardship* about a large downtown church in the midst of a prayer meeting with several hundred people present. It was during the Lenten season and the pastor asked a rather simple, but searching question: "Suppose you had the chance to be one person associated with those last days of Jesus in Jerusalem, whom would you choose to be?"

A timid little woman arose to speak. "There are many people in the passion story whose place I could never fill," she said. "I could not carry my Master's cross as Simon of Cyrene did. Nor could I have followed him out to the garden as some of the others did. But, I could make ready for him the best room in my house, where he might eat the last supper with his disciples. I could promise him that it would be made ready to his satisfaction." There is no record of any such thing in Scripture, but it is easy to imagine some homemaker telling her Christian friends how the Lord had come to their home that night and had eaten that last solemn meal under her roof. She never wrote a gospel nor became a martyr, nor did she hold an office in the church, but she could provide a furnished room!

A great deal of the service of the kingdom of God must be rendered by those who are never publicly commended, and are never elected as a delegate. "Well done, thou good and faithful steward."

Prayer: Our loving Creator, you have given generously to us. Keep us from ignoring opportunities to serve you as good stewards of all that we are. **Amen**

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