**Welcome**



The Lighthouse Keeper Stewardship Devotional

Stewardship Season October 2025

We are all familiar with the call of Proverbs 3:9-10 “Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine”. This call makes sense in an agrarian society, but what does this mean in 2025 Media PA? As we enter our 2026 Stewardship season, we want to enter in through a time of prayer and reflection. Over the next 21 days join together in this devotional as we prepare to pledge for the 2026 MPC budget.

**Day 1: I pledge not out of obligation, but out of gratitude.**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Giving should be a joyful response to God's grace, not a burdensome duty. Gratitude transforms our giving into worship.

*Reflection Question*: What are you most grateful for that inspires your giving?

*Prayer*: Thank you God for all the blessings known and unknown in my life. Draw me closer to you each day so I can walk closer to you.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Share with someone important in your life why they are important.

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**Day 2: My pledge is a reflection of my trust in God’s provision.**

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

~ Philippians 4:19-20 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Trusting God with our finances is a declaration of faith that He will supply all our needs.

*Reflection Question*: How does your giving reflect your trust in God's provision?

*Prayer*: Father of mercy, thank you for your provision even when I did not always believe it would be there. Thank you for the times that what I thought the solution should be nut was not the solution that ended up being.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Reflect on a time that you were challenged to trust in God’s provision. Why?

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**Day 3: Stewardship means giving with purpose and joy.**

You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. 35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.

~ Acts 20:34-35 (NIV)

*Reflection*: There is joy in giving when we understand its purpose—to bless others and glorify God.

*Reflection Question*: What brings you joy in the act of giving?

*Prayer*: Thank you Lord for those you have brought into my life. Thank you for being alive and with us encouraging and guiding us each day. Help me tune more and more to you each day.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Reach out to someone who has been on your mind whether by email, text, or picking up the phone.

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**Day 4: I am part of something bigger than myself.**

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

~ Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)

*Reflection*: We are members of one body, and our contributions support the whole. Your pledge connects you to a greater mission.

*Reflection Question*: How does your giving connect you to the larger body of Christ?

*Prayer*: Righteous Father. You sent your son to show us how to live in community and care about those around us. Thank you for the opportunity to take a moment to think about the impact I can have on those around us.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Write down something or someone that you want to impact in 2026.

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**Day 5: My giving supports ministries that change lives.**

The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

~ Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

*Reflection*: When we give, we serve Christ by serving others. Our pledges empower ministries that bring hope and healing.

*Reflection Question*: What ministry has impacted your life or the lives of others through giving?

*Prayer*: Loving God Thank you for the community our faith provides for us. That we are not trying to accomplish things ourselves but can instead join together and have even greater impact to those around us.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Look at the MPC prayer chain and select a mission to pray for throughout today.

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**Day 6: I pledge to honor God with my resources.**

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

~ Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Honoring God with our wealth is an act of worship and obedience. It acknowledges Him as the source of all we have.

*Reflection Question*: How can you honor God more fully with your financial resources?

*Prayer*: Lord open my mind and heart to see how the blessings I have can be used even more for your purposes. Let the lessons that I need to hear be heard.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Think about the last purchase you made. What does it reveal?

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**Day 7: Stewardship is a legacy I leave for future generations**.

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

~ Psalm 78:4 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Our giving sets an example for those who follow. It tells the story of our faith and priorities.

*Reflection Question*: What legacy of stewardship are you building for others to see?

*Prayer*: Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son to free future generations from the Law. Help me remember that though we need to focus on here and now, we also need to plan for tomorrow.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Remember something a past generation did that impacted you today. How can you take inspiration from it for the next generation at MPC?

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**Day 8: I give to sustain, to grow, and to serve.**

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

~ Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Giving sustains the church, grows the kingdom, and serves those in need. It is a vital part of our calling.

*Reflection Question*: How does your giving help sustain and grow the mission of the church?

*Prayer*: It can be hard sometimes to continue to give as it seems there is no end to the need or the outcome we are praying and supporting is not happening. Help me remember that my timetable is not yours.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Remember a time that you had to wait longer than you expected. How did it feel when it finally occurred? What did you learn in that season of waiting?

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**Day 9: My pledge is a spiritual act of worship.**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

~ Romans 12:1 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Worship is more than singing—it’s offering our whole selves, including our finances, to God.

*Reflection Question*:

How does your financial pledge reflect your worship of God?

*Prayer*: Thank you for the ability to pause and reflect not only on your word today but also on how much more we are called to be involved in our faith and community.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Think of a song that has brought you encouragement and listen to it today. Share with one person why that song has been an encouragement for you.

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**Day 10: I am a cheerful giver, not a reluctant one.**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

*Reflection*: God delights in cheerful giving. When we give freely, we reflect His generous heart.

*Reflection Question*: What inspires you to be generous?

*Prayer*: Lord takes what is hindering me to fully embrace the heart that you call for as we give. The world gives us messages that can be hard to ignore or reconcile with your word. Help me dull the voices of this world so I can hear your words clearly.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Reflect on how you have been blessed by God’s generosity. How has that impacted you?

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**Day 11: I pledge to be faithful in little and in much.**

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

~ Luke 16:10

*Reflection*: Faithfulness in small things prepares us for greater responsibility. Every gift matters.

*Reflection Question*: How are you being faithful with what God has entrusted to you?

*Prayer*: Thank you for all that you have entrusted me with Lord. Help me continue to focus on you and how I can use what I have to glorify you.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Think about what makes it hard to trust.

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**Day 12: Stewardship is a journey, not a destination.**

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

~ Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

*Reflection*: We grow in stewardship over time. Each step of obedience leads us closer to Christ. Partial obedience is disobedience which can cause us to not hear the call the Lord has given us.

*Reflection Question*: What step can you take today to grow in your stewardship journey?

*Prayer*: Thank you for inspiration for our faith in the things that grow around us. The green that shows the growth and the color that teases the imagination with what a whole garden with those flowers would look like.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Stop and smell the outside as you leave the door and thank the Lord for this day.

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**Day 13: I give because I believe in the mission.**

Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it lingers, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

~ Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Belief in the mission fuels our generosity. We give to see God’s vision fulfilled.

*Reflection Question*: What part of your church’s mission inspires you to give?

*Prayer*: We thank you for the missions that MPC has been able to support and the impact we have had on them. Whether it is through supporting foster kids, financing wells in Africa, or the food pantry in our neighborhood, we thank you for being able to reach both near and fair.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Look at MPC’s mission statement. What part of that mission statement resonates the most for you and why?

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**Day 14: My pledge is a promise to walk in faith.**

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

~ Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Pledging is an act of faith. It declares our trust in what we cannot yet see.

*Reflection Question*: How does your pledge stretch your faith?

*Prayer*: Lord, I do not know what the next year will bring. It will include valleys and mountain tops of that I know. Help me lean on you in faith to commit. May the stories of those that have come before us encourage me this day.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Read Hebrews 11 which has often been called the “wall of heroes”. Select one person listed in the chapter. Read about them and find something of their life that can encourage your faith this day.

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**Day 15: I give to build up the body of Christ.**

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

~ Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Our giving strengthens the church and equips it to serve. We are builders of the body.

*Reflection Question*: How does your giving help build up the church community?

*Prayer*: Thank you for the body of believers that I participate with at MPC. Each person plays an important role, no matter how small it may seem, to encourage each other.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Think of someone who has impacted you recently at MPC and call or text them to know that they have on you to encourage them in their ministry.

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**Day 16: Stewardship is a shared responsibility.**

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

~ 1 Corinthians 12:26 (NIV)

*Reflection*: We are in this together. When each person gives, the whole body thrives.

*Reflection Question*: How can you encourage others to join in the stewardship journey?

*Prayer*: The world can bring much to our doorsteps…hope, joy, and challenges. Wherever things are on the spectrum help me see ways to help. Whether that is to celebrate the joys or stand by the pain of life with someone. Give me wisdom to know where I can help.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Help someone in the family or neighborhood with a chore today.

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**Day 17: I pledge to be a good and faithful servant.**

His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!

~ Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

*Reflection*: God calls us to faithfulness. Our pledges are part of our service to Him.

*Reflection Question*: What does it mean to you to be a faithful servant in your giving?

*Prayer*: Align my heart and my actions so one day I will hear those amazing words…”good and faithful servant”. Help me focus on your priorities and your way.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Think of something that you have been meaning to do. Is today the day to finish that something?

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**Day 18: My giving reflects my values and priorities.**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

~ Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Where our treasure is, our heart will be also. Giving reveals what we value most.

*Reflection Question*: What does your giving say about your values?

*Prayer*: Lord may the actions of my wallet show that my treasure is with you. Remind me of how amazing our faith is and how we can accomplish so much when we come together.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Think on what makes something a treasure for you…for your family.

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**Day 19: I give to make a difference.**

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

~ James 2:15-17 (NIV)

*Reflection*:

Faith without action is dead. Giving is one way we live out our faith and make a tangible impact.

*Reflection Question*:

Where do you see your giving making a difference?

*Prayer*: Open my eyes to the ways that I can have influence today in the people I interact with.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Find someone today that can use a word of encouragement or send a note of encouragement.

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**Day 20: Stewardship is about trust and obedience, not transaction.**

Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

~ Proverbs 11:28 (NIV)

*Reflection*:

We don’t give to get—we give because we trust God and know that obedience demonstrates our trust. Stewardship is rooted in relationships, trust, and obedience not reward.

*Reflection Question*:

How does your giving reflect your trust in God rather than expectation of return?

*Prayer*: Loving God thank you for all my blessings. Help me remember the source of these blessings and respond accordingly.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Write a prayer of praise for a blessing in your life.

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**Day 21: I pledge with a heart full of hope.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

~ Romans 15:13 (NIV)

*Reflection*: Hope fuels our generosity. We give believing that God will use our gifts to bring light and life.

*Reflection Question*: What are you hoping God will do through your pledge?

*Prayer*: Thank you for all you have revealed to me this stewardship season. Though some days were challenging, they all served a purpose. By working together, we have a greater impact. We work together to follow your commands and lift each other up. As we complete this season, help us fix our eyes on you and tune our ears to your path.

*Today’s Recommendation Action*: Prayerfully consider filling out the pledge card and return to church for dedication Sunday. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**Optional Exercise: Track Your Spending**

When we track things, it makes things more real. During the month of October, track your spending on the chart below. At the end of each week, reflect on what you spend money on. Ask yourself:

* What story does it tell of October for you?
* What stood out for you?
* What would you like to keep the same?
* What do you want to change or needs to change?

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