

## Stewardship Lay Witness Talk – Outline Example

(A Stewardship Lay Witness Talk should be personal and from the heart. You may use the below talk as an outline but at the same time making sure to insert relevant information from your own experience. Being real about your Christian faith and being able to share that with others is the most important goal of the talk.)

### (Introduction)

Good (morning, afternoon or evening) Father (name), my brothers and sister in Christ. My name is (name).

I told Father (name) I would be willing to talk on stewardship if needed and Father (name) called me and asked me if I would like to share my feelings about stewardship with the parish.

### (Phase I)

The first time I heard about stewardship my immediate thought was that this must be a new approach at coaxing a few more dollars from us in the collection basket. Then as I listened and read the pamphlet I noticed the first phase was the stewardship of prayer. I have to admit that I was not in a very good habit of daily prayer other than before meals or if I really needed something I would ask God to grant it in a prayer.

But the stewardship literature was challenging me to develop a relationship with God through daily prayer. I was asked the question, “why do you want to go to heaven and be with someone that you don’t really know?”

My answer was a challenge to myself to become a closer friend of Jesus through daily prayers of thanksgiving for all the gifts I have been given. My prayer of praise to our kind and gentle God for all the opportunities he gives to serve others is the same as serving him. The prayers of petition of my immediate needs are met and that I am able to share myself and my abundances with others. This is not easy for me, I still feel very prayer challenged at times but I know that I am gaining ground in a closer relationship with God with each passing day.

### (Phase II)

I found the second phase of stewardship, giving of time and talent, a little easier to understand. I have always believed that God intends for us to share the talents He has given us. God gave me the ability (to or of) (time or talent). God would not look favorably on me if I failed to use this (time or talent) I was given. My challenge to each of you my brothers and sisters is to choose “service over self.”

(Parish name) offers all of us many opportunities to serve. We have over (number) ministries to share our talents with. So I urge everyone to consider sharing yourselves in a ministry here at (parish name). God’s grace and the friendship gained will be ample pay for the time and talent spent.

### (Phase III)

Finally we came to the stewardship of treasure. Yes, the church needs our financial resources to operate. So after being challenged to become closer to God by increasing my prayer life and being asked to share my time and talents with each of you, my brothers and sisters, I have found it a very easy choice to tithe in the fashion laid out not only by the Church but by the Bible. I can tell you truthfully that the more time I spend in prayer, the more time I spend sharing my talents and skills with the parish, and the more resources that I share with the parish and local church the more I receive in return.

### (Summary)

Jesus is the definitive answer to the questions in my life. He calls me to live with him in an intimate and personal way. He continually challenges me to be a steward of love to my family, my church community, and my closest friends and even my enemies.

### (Call to action and challenge)

I now challenge you my brothers and sisters to a life of stewardship in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, our God, our Lover.