

Living a God-Lived Life - A Life Lived Shrewdly

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When you study Jesus' parables, look for the one main point of comparison. Why did the rich man commend his shrewd manager?

List several ways we can live shrewdly as Christians.

✓ **Count your blessings, and consider your grateful response for the Lord's work**

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**

✓ **Develop a financial plan, a budget, that allows you to live within your means**

Ask God to bless the use of _____ your time, talents, and treasures, not just what you donate to church.

Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

✓ **Get involved in the ministry of Good Shepherd, helping us make the most of the ministry opportunities God sets before us as a church family**

MY CHALLENGE TO LIVE SHREWDLY

_____ Consider how you can use your earthly blessings to benefit others.

_____ Review my blessings/income and develop my personal giving plan for 2022

_____ Donate gently used items to church or charity

_____ Meet with a WELS or KML Gift planning counselor about supporting the Lord's work through my will or estate plan (Wels.net/givingcounselors)

_____ Write out a family budget, evaluating the necessity of each expenses, including a list of goals for the use of all that God has given me

_____ Parents: Talk to your children about your giving plan

_____ Children: Set aside allowance/gift money each month for church or charity

A Planning Tool for Giving in 2022

I gratefully acknowledge that everything I have God has entrusted to me to manage to his glory. Christ's love compels me to regularly return a percentage of his blessings for the ministry of my church as a joyful act of worship. As I count my physical and spiritual blessings, this is my personal plan for giving for 2022.

Combined annual income \$ _____

The percentage I choose to return to the Lord as an act of worship _____%

Multiply income by percentage. This represents my yearly giving plan total. \$ _____

Divide this total by 52 weeks. \$ _____ (This represents my weekly offering for the Lord's work.)

Special gifts I choose to offer over and above this weekly plan.

To WELS Missions \$ _____

To KML \$ _____

To Building Connections \$ _____

Other: (Kids' Programs.) \$ _____

By God's grace, I commit to these goals,

Name _____ Date _____