
ROLE OF THE LAY WITNESS

One of the most effective means of presenting the stewardship message is through the Stewardship Lay Witness Talk. This talk is usually given after the homily or at the end of Mass by people who are already practicing stewardship in their own lives. It may be given by an individual, or a couple. In some cases, even children may participate. The talk has two purposes: 1) to inspire people to become good stewards and 2) to share real life examples of how stewardship is lived.

An important part of people's acceptance of the concept of stewardship is the personal witness and individual testimony you provide with your presence and the way you give your talk.

The most important goal of living a life based on the principles of stewardship is a deepening of faith...a real spiritual conversion. Your sharing of your spiritual journey with other members of your parish family is a unique gift and a true statement of your commitment to stewardship. You are showing your gratitude by this sharing.

Sample Outline for Composing Lay Witness Talks

- 1) Introduce yourself.
- 2) Properly define Christian stewardship.
- 3) Discuss how you began practicing stewardship.
- 4) Identify when you began to experience the benefits.
- 5) Urge your fellow parishioners to get involved in a deeper and deeper way.