

A Stewardship Minute

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

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Do you remember these words from Psalm 42 describing the thirst for something greater?

*As a deer longs for flowing streams,
So my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the
Living God. (Psalm 42:2)*

Our wholeness comes from having our total existence fed: body, mind, and spirit. To put it plainly, wholeness, meaning, and joy come to us completely when we love and serve God with our entire being. That is, when we choose to be good stewards of our entire existence: bodies, minds, and souls.

The significance of Jesus' statement that "One does not live by bread alone" (Mt. 4:4) is explained in the June issue of *Stewardship*. The feature article points out that as important as bread is for one's life, food alone does not satisfy our inner needs. Our spirit needs to be fed as well.

The hymn writer, Charles Wesley, put it well in these words:

*A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.*

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to have the spiritual strength, to serve you with our whole being: body, mind, and spirit. In Christ's name. Amen.