

**Each day, take a moment to pause and invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you as you read the scripture, the reflection, and pray through the prayer points.**

### APRIL 12

#### Stewarding Spiritual Gifts

#### SCRIPTURE

**1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)**

#### REFLECTION

Each of us has been uniquely shaped by the Spirit to participate in the work God is doing in the world. Our spiritual gifts are not for personal achievement but for the building up of the community and the flourishing of others. As we practice the way of Jesus together, we recognize that serving is part of our formation—it teaches us humility, deepens love, and strengthens the body of Christ. As we reflect, we ask how we are stewarding what God has entrusted to us. Do we know our gifts? Are we using them to bless others and advance God's kingdom? Together, we want to live open-handedly, offering our gifts as acts of worship and service in the everyday moments of life.

#### PRAYER POINTS

- Father, help me identify my spiritual gifts and use them to edify the Body of Christ rather than seeking my own recognition.
- Pray for the growth of our "spiritual house" alongside the construction of the new building. Ask that we will find opportunities to use our spiritual gifts as apprentices to Jesus.

### APRIL 13

#### Stewardship in Work

#### SCRIPTURE

**Colossians 3:23-24 (NLT)**

#### REFLECTION

Our work is one of the primary places where we practice the way of Jesus. Whether we lead, serve, build, teach, or create, we're invited to approach our work as participation in God's kingdom. When we work with joy, integrity, and presence, even the ordinary becomes sacred. As we reflect, we ask how our attitude toward work is being formed. Are we working from hurry or from love—from striving for approval or from abiding in God's presence? Together, we want to recover a vision of work as worship, allowing every task, small or great, to become an offering to the Lord.

#### PRAYER POINTS

- Lord, shift my perspective so that I see my daily job as a direct service to You rather than just a means to an end.
- Pray for the contractors and laborers involved in the project, that they would be inspired to work with excellence as if they were working for the Lord Himself.

### APRIL 14

#### Stewardship and Sabbath Rest

#### SCRIPTURE

**Exodus 20:8-10 (NLT)**

#### REFLECTION

Rest is an act of trust—an embodied declaration that our worth is not measured by productivity but by belonging to God. Learning to observe the Sabbath helps us to live motivated by love rather than striving to earn it. We learn to stop, breathe, and remember that everything we have is a gift.

Rest is a vital part of stewardship, reminding us that we are not the center of the story but participants in God's story. As we reflect, we ask how we are observing Sabbath rest. Are our rhythms forming us into people of peace, or are we still shaped by hurry and striving? Together, we want to cultivate the habit of rest, make space for delight, worship, and presence with God and one another.

#### PRAYER POINTS

- God, teach me to steward my rest, trusting that Your provision continues even when I am not working.
- Pray for peace and rest for the church leadership during the business of a building campaign, protecting them from burnout.

**APRIL 15**

## **The Joy of Stewardship**

### **REFLECTION**

Faithful stewardship is not a burden but a joy—a practice that draws us deeper into the generous heart of God. When we align our resources with His purposes, we begin to taste the freedom and delight of living in His kingdom reality. Generosity becomes not just something we do but part of who we are becoming as we follow the way of Jesus. As we reflect, we ask how joy shows up in our giving and serving. Are we offering from gratitude and trust, or from habit and obligation? Together, we want to cultivate rhythms of generosity that form us into people who give freely and joyfully, knowing that every act of stewardship is an act of worship.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Lord, let me experience the deep joy that comes from being a faithful servant.
- Pray that we would discover the joy of living a generous life, as part of our apprenticeship to Jesus.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 25:21 (NLT)**

**APRIL 16**

## **Stewardship and Contentment**

### **REFLECTION**

As apprentices of Jesus, we recognize that contentment is essential to becoming good stewards of all God has entrusted to us. We want to live as a community shaped by simplicity, practicing presence and gratitude instead of striving for more. Together, we pause to reflect on where we need to grow in contentment—where hurry, comparison, or desire might be forming us more than Jesus. In these spaces, we choose to surrender and to practice the way of contentment, trusting that Jesus is enough for us here and now.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Father, deliver me from the "trap of more" and help me find total contentment in Your current provision.
- Pray that we would be content and grateful for what we have now, even as we prepare and build for what is coming next.

**SCRIPTURE**

**2 Timothy 6:6-8 (NLT)**

**APRIL 17**

## **Stewardship in Parenting**

### **REFLECTION**

We acknowledge that our children are a sacred gift from God, entrusted to our care and formation. We want to learn the way of Jesus as parents—living with intentionality, presence, and love that reflects His heart. As we follow His rhythms, we ask how we might better steward this calling: to model a life rooted in abiding with God, to create a home shaped by peace and grace, and to guide our children into their own apprenticeship to Jesus.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Lord, give me the wisdom to steward the hearts of the next generation, raising them to know and love Your ways.
- Pray that the children of the church see our sacrifice for this building and learn firsthand what it looks like to be a steward of God's house.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)**

**APRIL 18**

## **Stewardship in Prayer**

### **REFLECTION**

As apprentices of Jesus, we recognize that stewardship includes entrusting our concerns and anxieties to God through prayer. We want to live as a community that practices the way of prayer—turning worry into conversation with God and cultivating a posture of surrender and trust. Together, we reflect on how we are being formed by our prayer rhythms: Are we bringing our hearts before God in honesty and gratitude? Are we allowing His peace to shape us into people who rest in His presence? May we continue learning to pray as Jesus prayed—simply, consistently, and with open hands.

### **PRAYER POINTS**

- Father, help me to be a faithful steward of my prayer life, bringing all concerns to You rather than carrying them alone.
- Pray for discernment through prayer, that our church body would rest in Your peace as we each listen to You about how to give.

**SCRIPTURE**

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)**

