

## Creating a Stewardship Plan

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Step #1: Set Goals

Step #2: Start tracking your goals

Step #3: Review your results and adjust goals



Goals are like magnets. They have a tendency to pull us in that direction **if** our hearts are committed to them. I have experienced one foundational truth in my life: if you want areas of your life to improve, you must track your progress. **The things you measure will improve over time.**

I have provided on this website some resources that will hopefully help you stay focused on improving in the stewardship of MATH- money, abilities, time and health.

The goal should be progress in each of these areas. We want to avoid the extremes of legalism and laziness in this life. Balancing grace/holiness is a difficult thing. But is a necessary pursuit in the life of a Christian. The apostle Paul teaches at the end of *2 Corinthians 13*, "Aim for perfection." But understand that as long as we are in this world, we will fall short of the mark. Grace is a necessary ingredient.

Creating and following a stewardship plan will help you avoid a life of mediocrity. A plan for stewardship may be the tool that God uses to influence many lives through your faithfulness to Him. You will need to assemble a team of coaches around you to help keep you accountable- it may include a financial advisor, fitness trainer, counselor, spiritual mentor, spouse, co-worker, friend and/or family member.

Here is a sample of what a stewardship plan might look like:



### MONEY

Tracking Progress/Goals: Investment Policy Statement and Spending Plan

1. Strive to live on less than \$7000/month for housing, auto and living expenses.
2. Budget at least \$1000/month for giving to local Christian work. Goal of being able to give over \$20,000 in 2006 for the work of Christ.
3. Save at least \$4,000/month for taxes, short-term savings and longer-term savings. Goal of saving over \$25,000 this year after taxes.
4. Contribute an additional \$1000/month towards paying off home.



## **ABILITIES**

Tracking Progress/Goals: Work Plan

1. Read twelve financial/investment books per year. Attend continuing education classes to hone skills and bring practical wisdom to clients- CFPN and LPL conferences.
2. Pray regularly for clients- salvation of souls to those who do not know Christ and for the growth in Christ of those who have trusted in Him; prayer for ten clients each day.
3. Execute vision of Stewardship Mandate- book, website, systems for creating Stewardship Plans, quarterly newsletters and quarterly client events.
4. Quarterly reviews of client assets and a continual search to add values to their lives with investment and stewardship advice; proactive in managing each client's situation.



## **TIME**

Tracking Progress/Goals: Time Sheets

1. Three hours per day of focused spiritual growth- Bible study, prayer, ministry to others.
2. Less than one hour per day of television- except for family time; read material outside of Bible study for an hour per day.
3. Invest at least one hour per day playing with, reading to and teaching Hudson.
4. Average 40 hours per week of concentrated work- financial planning, client service and marketing.



## HEALTH

Tracking Progress/Goals: Fitness Plan- Meals and Exercise.

1. Exercise four times per week for at least thirty minutes- weight training, basketball and cardio; Goal of 33 inch waist with 10% body fat- weight around 190lbs.
2. Disciplined eating program- less than 20 oz of soda per day; 100 oz of water daily; limit calorie intake to around 2000 per day; reducing salt, sugar, unhealthy fat and processed foods.
3. Partial fast once per week on Wednesdays; eliminate all sodas and sugar on this day; skip lunch; always preparing and longing for the return of Christ.
4. Average at least six hours of sleep per night. Attempt to be in bed by 11pm and wake up at 5am for time with God.

## **Stewardship Mandate**

<http://stewardshipmandate.com>

***“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded.” Luke 12:48***