

# Stewardship News

## Remember Your Blessings



**He** owns it all.  
**Every** day is an opportunity.  
**Action** is required.  
**Remember** your blessings.  
**Thank** Him.

**We** give  
**Only** to  
**Reflect** all the gifts our  
**King** bestows on us.

If you were asked about “Your Blessings,” how would your answer? Would you begin by listing all the good things in your life—things tangible, real: house, car, job, health, family, friends, wealth. Your list might end up looking like the blessings Martin Luther enumerates in his explanation of the first article of the creed: “my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.”

God blesses us with all we need to sustain and preserve life, as well as all those things which make life pleasant and meaningful—gifts such as music, art, friendship, good government, beauty, good neighbors, and seasonable weather. We might also remember faithful pastors, devout parents, and the fellowship of our church family. Would you also list the hardships, trials, and difficulties in life? Have they ever been “Blessings in disguise?” A job loss might have led to more fulfilling and lucrative employment. A health problem might have led to deeper faith and reliance on family members, friends, and neighbors.

Would you include all the inventions, machines, and technology we use daily—blessings all too frequently misused and abused?

To really “Remember Your Blessings,” we need to look to the promises God made to our first parents, whose sin brought death into the world. But this worst possible disaster was transformed into the ultimate blessing, the promise of a Savior, Jesus Christ, who would conquer sin, death, and the devil through his sacrificial death and resurrection.

This is the blessing of faith God grants to every believer through the work of the Holy Spirit. Called, gathered, and enlightened, we live because Jesus lives. We live here and now in this world, and for all eternity with our Savior in heaven, the ultimate blessing of abundant life forever and ever.