

How old am I in stewardship years?

When we are born into this world, our time is often measured in terms of how we move. As a baby, we turn over and eventually begin to get around by crawling. When we get a little mature, we are able to pull ourselves up and walk—sometimes awkwardly, but in time we get good at it. When we grow more and our bones and muscles are stronger, we are able to run. And as we journey through this physical life, the way we get places becomes more refined.

In the same way, our stewardship grows with our faith. At first, we crawl, using the simplest acts to respond to God. As our faith deepens, so does our stewardship. We walk with an assurance that shows our recognition of all that God has given us to care for. And finally, as we mature as Christians, we see our stewardship as a wonderful opportunity to please God in all that we do, running toward the goal of which Paul speaks.

As you, read through this chart, I hope you will rejoice in the areas in which you have already excelled and will be challenged in those areas where you feel you can continue to grow. The thing to remember is that we never stop growing and we have never “arrived,” but continue always to strive to serve God and others.