

Hello, my name is Geoff Van Fleet and I am a member of the St Johns Stewardship committee. In this short video today I hope to give my perspective of stewardship in terms of long term goals. I was thinking of how to best convey this message in a video during a crazy busy time at work and a hectic time in the world. I took a deep breath, sat in prayer and realized that God was providing me the perfect example; I just needed to recognize it.

I work at a company whose new fiscal year starts in July. There is always a flurry of activity at the end of June as we rush to meet our numbers, close out issues and prepare for the years final accounting. At the same time, we are putting together a plan for this next fiscal year complete with budgets, projected sales and planned improvements. Decisions are based on the 5 year and 10 year plans which can be fuzzy at times or disrupted by things like global pandemics.

The point is that we choose how time, talent and treasures are allocated based on conscious decisions. If my company didn't have long term goals/visions of where we want to be down the road it would be much more difficult to make calls between multiple options that both have great benefits as well as costs. The one that moves us the direction of our goal are more heavily weighted.

So today I am asking you to evaluate your stewardship of your time talent and treasures. How will you use the gifts that God has blessed you with to help others? How can you use the struggles you experienced but that you had the strength to endure? How will you speak to others when give the opportunity? Would you answer or act differently when you consider the impact of these decisions in relationship to your 5 year, 10 year or eternal plans?

Thank you for listening today and for your continued support of St Johns.