

The 12 “Gardens” of Stewardship

- ✦ **Garden of the Body** – get proper nutrition, exercise and rest, and avoid chemical abuse, smoking, and in our culture, obesity.
- ✦ **Garden of Family and Friends** – take the time to nurture relationships with those important to you.
- ✦ **Garden of the Globe** – Care for the environment; recycle; don't waste natural resources.
- ✦ **Garden of Decisions** – Make well informed choices, work toward understanding and consensus, keep the vision and mission of Jesus in mind.
- ✦ **Garden of Emotions** – Aim for a balance emotionally; work at being in good humor.
- ✦ **Garden of the “Polis”** – Be politically aware, be an informed and involved citizen, and vote; attend community meetings.
- ✦ **Garden of the Chip** – Use technology for good purposes.
- ✦ **Garden of History** – Know and Value the things of the past; keep lessons of history fresh in the mind.
- ✦ **Garden of the Mind** – Keep learning.
- ✦ **Garden of the Arts** – Listen to, read, and watch the best in books, music, movies, theater, artwork, radio, and television.
- ✦ **Garden of Money** – Use financial resources well. Do set and keep a budget. Set spending limits. Ask how much money is enough.
- ✦ **Garden of the Soul** – Cultivate a prayer life.

(Reference: Church of St. Peter, North St. Paul, Minnesota)

Bishop Robert Morneau (deceased Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay) one of the original authors of, "Stewardship: A Disciples Response," asked that we each create an awareness of and cultivate 12 gardens of Stewardship.

