

A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of **Stewardship** to the congregation

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A story in this month's *Stewardship* tells of people that wanted to build a bridge over a river. On one side of the river they found bedrock that was not very deep. That meant the stanchion or pillar could easily be built there. On the other side, however, the bedrock was at a depth of 110 feet. Naturally that was going to be a problem for them, yet they came up with a solution. They decided to make a long and large metal pipe that would be placed on the bedrock, then fill it with concrete. Thus they had the two stanchions to serve as the foundations for the building of the bridge. The bridge ultimately was built and is there to cross this very day.

The writer makes the point that just as the bridge needed a good foundation, so too, as Christians we need to have a foundation on which we can build a life pleasing to God; a firm foundation to live as Christians. And that foundation is our Christ our Lord. Jesus, telling his listeners that if they called him Lord and followed his teachings, they would be like the man who built his house on a rock foundation. When a flood came, his house would not be washed away. Then our Lord said if a person did not build a house on a strong foundation, when a flood came, it would be washed away. And great would be the ruin of that house. If we decide to truly call Christ "Lord" and do what he teaches, then we too will have a strong foundation that will not only last us all the days of our lives, but also we will find our Lord saying to us "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master."

Prayer: Dear Lord, please be our Foundation and our Support as we strive to love and serve you all the days of our lives. **Amen**

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