

“Stewardship is everything we do ...”

Reflections on a whole-life approach to Christian stewardship
provided by the Stewardship Formation Team of the General Board



Our Stuff



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- ✘ 2.4 televisions
- ✘ 5.6 radios
- ✘ 2 automobiles, and
- ✘ gets 142 catalogs per year.

Each person carries 6.9 credit cards in his/her wallet. Companies that specialize in “stuff removal” are springing up around the country and our landfills are bulging. What is going on!?!?

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In Luke 12:15 Jesus says, “*Beware! Don’t be greedy for what you don’t have. Real life is not measured by how much we own.*” And Proverbs 30:8 implores, “*Give me neither poverty nor riches. Give me just enough to satisfy my needs.*” (NLT)

So when is enough *enough*? “Enough” has more to do with an attitude you adopt than with a numerical goal or running out of space. So, develop an attitude of gratitude and abundance. **"Real life is not measured by how much we own."** (Luke 12:15b)

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