



Lesson #L12

The Offering

Being a Good Steward

You will need:

- † Blank sheets of paper
- † Pens or pencils
- † Watch or equivalent

Instructions:

1. Hand out a piece of paper and a pen or pencil to each participant. Have a way to keep track of one minute elapsing.
2. Say: **Think for a moment about everything that you think of as yours, belonging to you. And, don't forget about the things you can't touch, like your gifts and talents.** (Pause for a few moments). **Now, write down as many things as you can think of in one minute. Go!**
3. After the minute has elapsed, have them share (as they are comfortable), a few things on their list.
4. Say: **Next to the things you've listed, write down who gave them to you, if you remember.**
5. Ask: **What did you write down next to your gifts and talents?** [Received from God, possibly through their parents or others.]
6. Have them turn the paper over (or give them a new sheet if necessary).
7. Say: **Now, write down as many things as you can think of that belong to God. Go!**
8. When the time is up, have them share a few things that are on this list.
9. Say: **Look at the list of the things that belong to God. Is there anything that you think you should add?** [If they did not have "everything," then they can add that now.]
10. Say: **Now, look at your list of things that belong to you. Pick one of them and write down a few ideas of how you can use that one to help other people or worship God.**
11. Give them a short time to work on this, and then ask them to share. Discuss their ideas and possibly suggest some new ideas.
12. The purpose of this activity is to get participants to think about how they can use what they have to love God and their neighbor, not to feel guilty about what they are not doing. So, do your best to keep the conversation positive.



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