



Session 3: The characteristics of a Christian Steward

RESPONSIBILITY

- What implication does RESPONSIBILITY have for me as an individual?
 - It prompts me to lead a Christian life
 - It helps me put my Baptism call into practice
 - May appear to be a burden or as a blessing
 - Being a good example
 - Assisting others to use their talents
- What implication does RESPONSIBILITY have for our parish?
 - It helps the Parish to grow
 - It supports the Priests
 - Outreach to all around us; setting an example
 - The sum of our combined talents can be far greater than our individual talents
- What implication does RESPONSIBILITY have for our world?
 - It promotes greater justice and peace
 - 'Thy Kingdom Come'
 - Awareness of others
- What is challenging for me about the characteristic of RESPONSIBILITY?
 - Living the Gospel through conflicting demands, tiredness, stress in my life
 - To grow in maturity and to put my trust in God
 - To turn the other cheek and to face rejection
 - To speak out when necessary
 - To argue the truth, with love, even when this is unpopular
 - The need to use Responsibility wisely
 - Being aware of conflict – for example between seeking direct ways of exercising Responsibility while maintaining Humility
 - Experiencing self-doubt
 - Embarrassment and fear of failure
 - Praying for courage and guidance
 - Being practical; and pragmatic
 - Avoiding 'burn-out' – maintaining the right balance
- What support do we as INDIVIDUALS need to live out our Responsibility?
 - The sacraments
 - The parish community and like-minded individuals: good example
 - Time for personal prayer
- What support do we as a PARISH need to live out our Responsibility?
 - Enablers and Facilitators; Leadership and good teaching from Priests
 - Teamwork
 - Discernment – for example, knowing when to hand on tasks
 - Involvement of young people
- What support do we need to live out our Responsibility in the WORLD?
 - Counter-cultural support networks
 - Awareness of opportunities