

## Children's Message

January 13, 2019

### Stewardship Bank Distribution Sunday

I don't think there's a person alive who doesn't like french fries. When they're hot and fresh and crisp and golden like these, they're pretty hard for anyone to resist. How many of you get french fries any time you go out to eat?

Now let me ask you this: Have any of you ever had to pay the french fry tax? The french fry tax is not a government tax. It's a Mom and Dad tax. It's what happens when Mom or Dad reaches over across the table and takes a french fry out of your box! Some people might consider this stealing. The french fry was in the box that came with your Happy Meal! But let me ask you another question: Who paid for the french fry? Who paid for you to have french fries with your meal? Unless you already own your own business or unless Grandma grabbed the bill first, the answer is probably Mom and Dad. It was Mom and Dad who earned the money to buy your french fries. So when you think about it, is it your french fry or is it Mom and Dad's fries that they allow you to enjoy?

The french fry tax is a good reminder that the blessings we enjoy are not ours but are gifts from the Lord. That goes not only for our possessions, but also for our money. Yes, we work hard to earn money, but the Lord gives us money—along with everything else he gives—to manage for him. He wants us to use our money, our talents, and our possessions for him. And a big part of using our money for him is giving!

Today I want to teach you a word called Stewardship...have you heard that before?

Stewardship means the conducting, supervising, or managing of something especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. We talk about Stewardship in our church when we talk about the managing of our money. You may not have much money now, but what we learn that the Bible says, "Don't love money," and "Share what you have." Kind of like French fries, money is very hard to share, but Living a Stewardship Life, being careful and responsible for the management of things is the best way to live. And always remember Giving Changes Lives! I want you to repeat after me – Living a Stewardship Life & Giving Changes Lives. Congregation – Point Up Living a Stewardship Life & Giving Changes Lives x 5.

Today as you leave I want you to take one of these sweet church penny banks and I want you to do your best to gather money and fill it as high as you can and bring them back on Commitment Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will receive a very special certificate from the pastors in the mail after you turn your banks in! Your stewardship to the church will change lives!

*Prayer: Jesus, help us to love you most of all, and help us to share what you have given us with people whom we love and you love. Amen*

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