

# Lutheran FAQ:

## What Does My Stuff Have To Do With My Faith?

If you could keep only one thing from your house, what would it be?

What should always be shared? What would you never share?

"What we do with our stuff" is what the church calls "stewardship." How do you use what you have to show your faith in God? \_\_\_\_\_

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What's one way you can take care of your relationships? \_\_\_\_\_

What's one way to take care of the world? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you take care of your body? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you take care of your soul? \_\_\_\_\_

If everything is God's, what will you give to God today? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Deeper Dive:

- <https://scsynod.com/what-is-stewardship/> has videos, articles, and other stewardship resources.
- Take a look at your household budget or credit card statement. What does it tell you about what's important to you? What does your schedule say is valuable?
- If someone looked at your church budget, what would they say your congregation values?
- *Consuming Faith: Integrating Who We Are With What We Buy* by Tom Beaudoin addresses these topics as well

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