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RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

Children need to be introduced to love, discipline, good morals, and taught right from wrong at an early age. Love will create respect, discipline will resolve in good ethics, good morals will help develop a good and proper life style, and knowing right from wrong will help us make correct and proper decisions. If this is done at home and also in our schools, there will be a good possibility that our children will become good citizens and responsible stewards.

Before there is stewardship, one needs to have respect and a sense of responsibility. Discipline, teaching, mentoring, and rewarding will all help in fostering a responsible stewardship mentality within us. It is very difficult to mandate stewardship.

Stewardship begins with taking care and respecting your body. Only then can we effectively extend stewardship to things around us, both man made and that provided by creation. It is an error to single out a specific area of stewardship and ignoring everything else.

Good intentions by the political and regulatory sectors often miss their objective of providing protection to the natural environment by the many rules and regulations. Most people find they are precluded from doing the right thing because they don't have or are not willing to forgo the time, money, and effort required to obtain the required permission or permits. Environmental protective laws are written along with the punishment for violating them but none of them instill or encourage responsible stewardship. They attempt to stop us from doing the wrong thing but unintentionally, also stop us from doing the right thing.

Regardless of our title, ethnic, religious, or economic background, and for the sake of future generations, we all need to be responsible stewards. By being a responsible steward, many of our environmental and social issues will be resolved.