

1. What is a stewardship?

“In the Church a stewardship is a sacred spiritual or temporal trust for which there is accountability. Because all things belong to the Lord, we are stewards over our bodies, minds, families, and properties. A faithful steward is one who exercises righteous dominion, cares for his own, and looks to the poor and needy.” *Spencer W. Kimball, Ensign, Nov. 1977 © 2006 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

2. Does the Lord hold us accountable for how we fulfill our stewardships?

Each person is held accountable for how they fulfill their stewardships. We can handle our stewardships diligently or lazily, but in the end the Lord will judge how well we did. “For it is expedient that I, the Lord, should make every man accountable, as a steward over earthly blessings...” (D&C 104:13)

3. President Spencer W. Kimball asked each member of the church to “Lengthen Your Stride” in fulfilling your stewardships.

“ It is to ourselves, our homes, our quorums, our classes, our Church assignments that we must carry more energetically those things that we have received....We must lengthen our stride and must do it now.” *Spencer W. Kimball, Ensign, Sept. 1975 © 2006 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.*

4. What does it mean to “Lengthen Your Stride”?

To lengthen means to make something longer, or to become longer. A stride is a long step, or a step towards improving something.

5. Can everyone lengthen their stride?

Yes. No matter how old or young you are you can lengthen your stride. Have each family member take a normal stride or step. Measure and record their step. Then have them take a step in which they are lengthening their stride. Measure the difference. (See activity.)

6. When President Kimball said “Lengthen Your Stride” was he asking us to take longer steps?

No. He was asking us to step towards improving how we care for our stewardships, but just like everyone was able to take longer steps, we can all improve and do a better job caring for our stewardships.

7. President Kimball showed us by his great example how to “Lengthen Your Stride”.

As president of the church he conducted more conferences around the world than any other president before him. Under his direction 26 temples were dedicated or rededicated making it possible for many more Saints to receive the blessings of the temple.