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Stewardship #2: Facility/Property Resources

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Church facilities are often not maintained and cared for as well as other areas of church life. Property maintenance is not included in budgets and plans are not made for necessary updates. But as the old adage goes, failing to plan is planning to fail. Facilities need maintenance whether it is planned for or not.

How to be faithful stewards of the church's facilities?

1. Importance of stewardship

- Facilities are designed to facilitate our ministries.
- The stewardship of facilities needs to be taken as seriously as the stewardship of every other area entrusted to the church.

2. Facility team

- Congregations need to have a team dedicated to the stewardship of their facilities.
- Do a system audit to determine the life expectancy of critical systems.
- Start a maintenance reserve fund to have funds ready when facility repairs are necessary.
- Consider deferred maintenance items – projects that have been put off until extra resources are available.
- Think through ministry offerings and whether the church has spaces best suited to these ministries.

3. Improvement planning

- Think through small improvements that can be done to make a big impact. What needs to be decluttered, repainted, reorganized, or repurposed?
- Then do a deeper dive. What needs to be renovated, expanded, or added?